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## Turkish-Bulgarian talks on ethnics to begin today

**By Jadranka Porter**  
Arab Times staff

**BULGARIAN** Deputy Premier Georgi Yurandov and Turkish Foreign Minister Mesut Yilmaz arrived yesterday in Kuwait for talks aimed at resolving the problem of Bulgaria's ethnic Turkish minority.

Hamed Al Ghabed, the secretary-general of the Organisation of Islamic Conference, who will attend the talks also arrived in Kuwait.

In an arrival statement Yilmaz told reporters that Turkey will seek a comprehensive solution to the problem that strained its relations with Bulgaria and expressed hope that Bulgarians will match Ankara's eagerness to end the crisis.

"I only hope that the Bulgarian side is as ready and eager to discuss the problem which is of deep concern to the whole Islamic world," said Yilmaz.

He said the discussions should be held within the context of the contents of the letter of invitation from Kuwait's Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed.

The meeting was scheduled as a result of a mediation campaign launched by HH the Amir to find a solution to the problems of ethnic Turks in Bulgaria.

The negotiations will show whether there is an opportunity for Turkey to normalise its relations with Bulgaria, Yilmaz said.

"I would like to believe that the talks with my Bulgarian counterpart will be held on a realistic and constructive level," he added.

Kuwait, he said, has an important role to play in developing collaboration and friendship between Turkey and Bulgaria. In a gesture of goodwill Bulgarian Ambassador to Kuwait Angel Mantchev yesterday attended for the first time a reception hosted by Turkish Ambassador Guner Oztek to mark Turkey's National Day.

Kuna adds: Oztek and Mantchev in separate press interviews, published here yesterday expressed hope that Bulgarian-Turkish high level meetings in Kuwait is a beginning to a realistic dialogue.

They also expressed thanks to Kuwait's role in solving the Turkish-Bulgarian dispute over the Muslim minority in Bulgaria.

Oztek said in an interview that his government hopes Kuwait's meetings would be a beginning to a constructive and realistic dialogue that restores normal bilateral relations between Turkey and Bulgaria.

Oztek rejected the interferences of superpowers in the current crisis between Turkey and Bulgaria, noting that this matter is a humanitarian issue in the first degree.

Meanwhile, Mantchev welcomed the initiative of the Amir saying Bulgaria greatly values it and his country is doing all its best to make it a success.

### Arab Times exclusive interview with King Fahd of Saudi Arabia

## Kuwait-Saudi relations cannot be undermined

Accused were given an absolutely fair trial, guilty punished, innocent set free

**By Ahmed Al Jarallah**  
Editor-in-Chief, Arab Times

"SAUDI ARABIA is Kuwait, similarly Kuwait is Saudi Arabia. This bond cannot be undermined," King Fahd told me in an interview.

Soon after the return of HH the Amir of Kuwait from his long foreign tour, it dawned on me to see the possibility of meeting with King Fahd of Saudi Arabia from a journalistic viewpoint.

Undoubtedly, the Saudi capital has for some time now been the venue of many vital developments — a veritable "gold-mine" for journalists. As an added incentive, the personality of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques has its special taste and indeed raises the plateau of lustre for any journalist. Given this backdrop, my initial thinking on lines of an interview, became a foregone conclusion.

The interview was essentially conducted in a simple manner — simplicity being one of the major characteristics of the Saudi style which does not believe in rituals and complications.

Meeting with King Fahd, one gets the distinct impression that the King is a personage with a wealth of information and is continually involved in an unlimited flow of events, all of which have a historical background. When one talks to King Fahd, the tremendous weight of responsibility that he carries soon becomes apparent.

Knowing King Fahd for his candidness in informing people about issues relating to interpreting political events in Saudi Arabia, the region and its relations with the world at large, I told him that I had several questions reflecting on events in our region and to the many crises that develop from time to time and asked him to provide some explanations to these events.

The King said: "Yes, I hear those crises from time to time, but this is the result of the struggle between those who care for this region and those who don't. By this, I mean the Arab peninsula and the Gulf region — and I particularly mean here the GCC states."

Explaining his statement, the King said that these states have overcome the difficulties and evils of the Gulf war which resulted in a state of "consideration" or "awaiting." Occasionally, the state of "awaiting" emerges in the form of relative stagnation.

The GCC states have many opportunities with history, (political, economic or social) — particularly, we are now witnessing a return to progress and development after the state of sluggishness that befell many aspects of our life during the war.

What the region is witnessing, is the result of the crises resulting from the reflection of the state of struggle and confrontation between those who wish that the region achieves its historical values and those who do not wish to see these objectives materialise. The latter, exploit the situation.

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Fahd: 'crime was monstrous'

### Peace Games

## Amir to open

KUWAIT, Oct. 29, (Kuna): His Highness the Amir tomorrow will inaugurate at 3.30 pm in Kazma stadium the Friendship and Peace Games Championship, which will take place in Kuwait from Oct 30 to Nov 12.

The championship, which is the first of its kind, will host the youths of 45 Islamic countries to compete in football, basketball, volleyball, handball and athletics games.

President of the Supreme Organising Committee of the Friendship and Peace Games Championship Sheikh Nasser Mohammad Al Ahmed is to deliver an inaugural speech.

## Iran to display US spies

NICOSIA, Oct. 29, (Reuters): Iran said today it would present a group of spies for the United States to foreign reporters at the former American embassy in Tehran next week.

The national news agency Irna also said the jailed spies would be interviewed on television on Nov 4 to mark the 10th anniversary of the seizure of the embassy by militant students who held the state hostage for 444 days.

The Information Ministry urged Iranians to take part in a march to the embassy building in Tehran on the same day.

Iran said in April it had arrested several Iranians who spied for the US Central Intelligence Agency (CIA).

The New York Times said in August that Iran had broken up a spy network providing the CIA with documents about Iranian military planning.

## Pan Am bomb planted in Malta

LONDON, Oct. 29, (AP): Police have found evidence the bomb that brought down Pan Am Flight 103 and killed 270 people was planted in Malta, the Sunday Times of London reported.

The newspaper said the evidence was found in a computer list of all luggage put aboard the flight when it originated in Frankfurt, West Germany, on Dec 21. The passengers and luggage later were transferred to a Boeing 747 at Heathrow airport in London.

All 259 people aboard the airplane and 11 residents of Lockerbie, Scotland, were killed when the plane exploded and crashed, Scotland, were killed when the plane exploded and crashed.

The Sunday Times, citing British sources, said the baggage list showed that one suitcase was transferred to Flight 103 from an Air Malta plane, Flight KM180. That flight originated in Malta the morning of Dec 21.

No passenger accompanied the bag onto the Pan Am flight, the newspaper said.

Later last night, the police press office in Lockerbie issued the following statement by John Orr, the Scottish detective heading the investigation:

"As part of the ongoing international investigation, officers from the inquiry team at Lockerbie have travelled to many different countries including Malta. Clearly, it would be imprudent for me to comment on the significance of any of these inquiries while the investigation is still active."

## Thatcher hits out at critics

### Pledge to join EMS

LONDON, Oct. 29, (Agencies): Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher said today she fully supported Nigel Lawson during his six years as Britain's Treasury chief and tried to talk him out of quitting. She also renewed pledge to join EMS.

A flurry of public opinion polls taken after Lawson's sudden resignation as Chancellor of the Exchequer suggest voters now think less of Mrs Thatcher. One poll showed a majority of voters want her to step down as Conservative Party leader before the next election.

"To me, the chancellor's position was unassailable. I always supported him," Thatcher said in a combative television interview on London Weekend Television.

"Nigel had determined that he was going to put in his resignation. I did everything possible to stop him but I was not successful."

Lawson resigned his cabinet post Thursday, saying he couldn't continue to serve as long as Thatcher retained her part-time personal economic adviser, Sir Alan Walters. The Washington-based Walters also resigned.

Thatcher said she told Lawson she believed advisers were hired to advise and ministers to make decisions. But she said today "I don't know" whether Lawson would have stayed on if she had fired Walters.

The two men disagreed over monetary policy and Britain's entry into the European Monetary System, a mechanism for stabilising European exchange rates. Lawson supported membership, but Walters called the system "half-baked."

During some heated exchanges, Thatcher accused interviewer Brian Walden, a former Labour Party lawmaker, of being "domineering" in trying to get her to accept blame for Lawson's resignation.

"It is not a question of blaming anyone," she insisted. "Nigel was a very successful, brilliantly successful, Chancellor for six years. Of course I know that one day he would go... I didn't expect it to happen this way or as soon."

Thatcher rejected Walden's suggestions she was unyielding and authoritarian, saying: "Nonsense. I am staying my own sweet reasonable self."

Thatcher, hitting back at critics of her intransigent attitude toward the 12-nation European Economic Community, renewed her pledge that Britain will join the EMS but only when other nations move toward lifting exchange control regulations.

Thatcher brushed aside charges that she was facing the worst crisis of her decade in office, and that she was domineering, unyielding and bent on surrounding herself with "yes-men."

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Thatcher: support

## Israeli missiles risk ties with US

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica, Oct. 29, (AP): US President George Bush said yesterday that transfers of American military technology are "taboo" and "it would not enhance relations" if Israel defied Washington to help South Africa develop an intermediate range missile.

"It would complicate things, there's no question about that," Bush said at a news conference winding up a two-day meeting with western hemisphere leaders.

Bush did not confirm or deny reports that Israel has assisted the South African missile programme in return for a steady supply of uranium.

The President said, "I hope our position is clear in transfer of any military technology that should not be transferred. And if that's taken place, it would not enhance relations between us or any country that does that."

Asked if the United States might impose sanctions against Israel or take other steps, he said, "you're asking me to accept a hypothesis that I'm not accepting."

"But I have said that whoever it is, the transfer of forbidden technology is taboo. We're not going to have that. And we will find ways to assert that with any country that abuses the system."

On another topic, Bush was asked if the United States would give Israel veto power over what Palestinians can take part in negotiations on elections for the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

"We're not trying to throw down a precondition," Bush replied. "We're just trying, through giving support to (Egyptian President Hosni) Mubarak's 10 points, to be helpful in getting the talks going."

Meanwhile, Israeli Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin told cabinet today that US media reports of an Israeli-South African nuclear weapons partnership were untrue.

### Groom fined

#### All 'about-face'

MANILA, Oct. 29, (Reuters): A Philippine court ordered a man to pay his former sweetheart \$9,000 pesos (\$3,720) damages for standing her up in church on their wedding day.

"To formally set a wedding and go through all preparations and publicity, only to walk out of it when the matrimony is about to be solemnised is... unjustifiably contrary to good customs," the Manila court said in a decision reported today by the daily Globe newspaper.

## Bihar toll up

### Riots claim 133

NEW DELHI, Oct. 29, (UPI): Authorities today recovered 25 more bodies of victims of communal riots and evacuated Muslims from a city in eastern Bihar state where a week of clashes with Hindus have left at least 133 people dead, the Press Trust of India said.

The domestic news agency said the situation remained volatile in rural areas around Bhagalpur, but reported no fresh incidents in the industrial city 635 miles (1,015 k) east of New Delhi.

Soldiers yesterday said they had recovered eight bodies in Chandni village, on the outskirts of Bhagalpur, when Hindus stormed the Muslim settlement and massacred inhabitants.

The Press Trust of India said authorities had located 25 more corpses, and that the week-long death toll in India's poorest state was at least 133 people. Hundreds of others have been injured in the clashes that have involved assaults with bombs, knives and guns.

The news agency said about 5,000 army, police and paramilitary members escorted Muslims out of the worst hit areas of the city to defend any further clashes.

The Press Trust did not specify how many people were being evacuated, but added that Hindu community leaders had declared they would protest the communal bloodshed by not celebrating Diwali, a festival of light involving fireworks, candles and parties.

## Pakistani parties fight for support as key vote nears

ISLAMABAD, Oct. 29, (Reuters): Pakistan's political leaders engaged in a battle of wits at the weekend in preparation for a debate on a no-confidence motion that could bring down the government of Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto.

With three days to go before the debate in the National Assembly both sides were fighting to keep their own forces together and at the same time to woo disaffected opponents.

Charges of coercion, bribery, kidnapping and undemocratic or improper tactics have been exchanged.

"Politics have become so diffuse and without ideology, really this is the most crass version of machine politics," Pakistani commentator Mushahid Hussain said.

One Western diplomat said: "The words that come to mind are high farce but it is teetering on the edge of something far more serious."

At stake is the future of the Muslim world's first woman prime minister and her government.

If the combined opposition can muster 119 votes in the 237-seat assembly when the vote is taken on Wednesday or Thursday, Benazir will be out of office after only 11 months.

Each side says it is confident of winning the day. Benazir says the people of Pakistan gave their verdict in last November's elections, in which her Pakistan People's Party (PPP) won the most seats.

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Minimum temperatures recorded:

Kuwait: 19°C 67°F

Ahmed: 25°C 77°F

Falaka: 25°C 77°F

Maximum temperatures expected:

Kuwait: 37°C 99°F

Ahmed: 30°C 86°F

Falaka: 31°C 88°F

Minimum temperatures expected:

Kuwait: 19°C 67°F

Ahmed: 25°C 77°F

Falaka: 25°C 77°F

Maximum humidity recorded:

Kuwait: 64 per cent

Ahmed: 72 per cent

Falaka: 80 per cent

# Spaniards go to polls

Gonzalez favourite

MADRID, Oct. 29, (Reuters): Spain voted today in general elections expected to return Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez to power but with his support cut by discontent among workers impatient to benefit from the country's economic boom.

Moderate socialist Gonzalez, running for a third term in power and his wife Carmen Romero, standing for parliament for the first time, cast their ballots in Madrid minutes after the polls opened at 9 am (0800 GMT).

"Let all Spanish citizens vote and vote in peace," the 47-year-old prime minister who came to power seven years ago, told reporters.

The central issue was whether the Socialist Workers Party (PSOE) would retain its outright majority or have to rule in minority against an opposition divided between left and right.

The last opinion poll, a week ago, showed the PSOE slipping from the 184 seats it won in 1986 to around 176 seats, the minimum for an absolute majority in the 350-seat Cortes.

Its main opponent, the conservative Partido Popular (PP), whose new leader Jose Maria Aznar took over only two months ago, was seen losing ground slightly. But the communist-led United Left (IU), capitalising on labour unrest, could more than double its seats and compete for third place with centrists.

The campaign for the fifth general elections since Spain returned to democracy after the death of General Francisco Franco in 1975 was remarkably peaceful.

But Basque left-wing politician Kepa Aulestia voted under police protection after intelligence reports said he could be the target of an assassination attempt by Basque separatists.

Voting started more slowly than in the previous elections three years ago, government spokesman Miguel Gil said.

He said the turnout at 2 pm (1500 GMT), five hours after the polls opened, was 55.58 per cent against 40.81 in 1986 when final



Gonzalez swamped by journalists. (Reuters wirephoto)

participation was 70.77 per cent. The opposition has said that a low turnout would benefit the PSOE.

Polls were due to close on the mainland at 1900 GMT and one hour later in the Canary Islands. Television and radio stations said they would give computer projections at 1900 GMT. The first official results were expected around 2300 GMT.

Government spokeswoman Rosa Conde said a last-minute fault in the Interior Ministry's vote-counting computers had been solved.

Observers from Poland and Hungary have been invited to tour polling stations and see the workings of Western democracy.

Seventy-one parties vied for the favours of 29.6 million registered voters, but only four — the PSOE, the PP, the Social and Democratic Centre (CDS) and IU — fielded candidates throughout the country.

Gonzalez called the elections eight months early, urging voters to renew his strong majority.

# Maggie's popularity going downhill

LONDON, Oct. 29, (AP): Most British voters think Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher should step down as Conservative Party leader, according to an opinion poll published in Sunday editions of the Mail.

Another poll, published in the Sunday Telegraph, found 47 per cent of voters questioned, and 24 per cent of Conservatives, thought less of Thatcher following the resignation last week of Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson, Britain's finance minister.

The polls were the first gauge of public reaction to Lawson's resignation because of a disagreement over monetary policy with Thatcher and her personal economic adviser.

His resignation forced the second reshuffle of Thatcher's cabinet in three months.

The Mail's poll, based on interviews with 1,043 voters, found 54 per cent believe Thatcher should stand down after 10 years at the head of the party. The newspaper did not break down the percentage of Conservatives who want Thatcher to resign.

The tabloid said that Thatcher's lowest personal rating since she was voted into power in 1979. Its poll found the Conservatives trailing the opposition Labour Party by 47 per cent to 41 per cent.

The Sunday Times' poll of 711 voters found the Conservative Party was 7 percentage points behind Labour.

An election is not likely to be called until 1991 or 1992.

The Sunday Telegraph's Gallup poll of 505 voters found 47 per cent felt less respect for Thatcher following the cabinet shake-up, while 49 per cent said their opinion was unchanged. Among Conservatives, 70 per cent said their opinion was unchanged while 24 per cent said they had less respect.

Eighty-two per cent of all voters polled and 69 per cent of Conservatives believe Lawson's departure reinforced Thatcher's reputation as sometimes being "bossy and dictatorial."

## Romans vote for mayor

ROME, Oct. 29, (AP): Hundreds of thousands of Romans voted today in mayoral elections seen as a barometer of the popularity of Italy's political parties.

About 2.3 million citizens were eligible to vote for the new 80-member city council, which in turn elects a mayor. Several newspapers expressed concern about a possible low turnout due to dissatisfaction with city politicians.

Since July, Rome has been run by a special commissioner named by the national government after Christian Democrat Mayor Flaminio Piccoli resigned in the wake of charges he steered city contracts to friends. He denied he had done anything wrong.

Voting booths were open from 7 am (0600 GMT) to 10 pm (2100 GMT) today and from 7 am to 2 pm (1300 GMT) tomorrow preliminary results were expected tomorrow evening.

Cardinal Ugo Poletti, the Papal Vicar for Rome, asked voters to support Italy's only Roman Catholic-affiliated party, but the Christian Democrats nonetheless were expected to drop from the 33 per cent of the vote they obtained in city elections in 1985.

The Christian Democrats have dominated Italian national politics since World War II and a poor showing in Rome would be a setback for Italian Premier Giulio Andreotti, a Christian Democrat whose close allies have headed the city's coalition governments in recent years.

Reflecting the importance of the vote, Andreotti and other national party leaders stumped for mayoral candidates.



Show of force

A convoy of Indian Army troops drives through the riot-torn northern town of Bhopal in a show of force. More than 100 people have been killed in a week of Hindu-Muslim clashes in the north Indian state of Bihar. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Indian troops in Maldives Pullout by Nov 3

COLOMBO, Oct. 29, (KUNA): The last batch of Indian troops despatched to the Maldives last November to crush an abortive coup in the archipelago will leave home on Nov 3, a high-ranking Maldivian official said today.

The director of information, A. Saleem, in a telephone interview with Kuna correspondent in Colombo said Indian soldiers will return to India on Nov 3. India rushed troops to Maldives last November following a request from President Abdul Qayyum calling for assistance after his palace was attacked by Lankan Tamil mercenaries and quelled the rebellion.

Maldives accused the Lankan Tamil militant movement, People's Liberation of Tamil Eelam (PLOT) of master-minding the coup which PLOT leader Uma Maheswaran denied. Maheswaran was killed in Colombo this year by unknown gunman at the High Court trial held in Maldives in August this year. 68 Lankan Tamil mercenaries were given life sentences and varied jail terms for their role in the failed coup.

## 20 killed as plane crashes

HONOLULU, Oct. 29, (Reuters): An inter-island commuter plane with 20 people on board, including members of high school volleyball teams, was found on fire on the Hawaiian island of Molokai today and there are not believed to be any survivors, a fire department official said.

The Aloha Islandair twin-engine aircraft was carrying members of the Molokai boys and girls volleyball teams, two tourist couples, not yet identified, a crew of two and two air crew members travelling as passengers, assistant Maui fire battalion chief Stephen Molina said. "There are not believed to be any survivors," he said.

The plane was last in radar contact as it flew from the island of Maui yesterday on a flight to neighbouring Molokai which normally takes between 15 and 20 minutes.

A coast guard C-130 aircraft spotted the plane on fire in Halawa valley on the eastern coast of Molokai, a coast guard spokeswoman said.

The Maui fire department sent three helicopters to the scene and the fire was out by the time they arrived, Molina said.

Aloha Islandair flight 1712 left Kahului airport on the island of Maui for the 47-mile flight at 6:25 pm HST (0625 GMT Sunday), said Marilyn Kali.

The plane was carrying an emergency beacon but no signal had been reported, coast guard official said. The search was conducted by two coast guard HH-65 helicopters, a C-130 aircraft and two cutters.

The plane was to fly from Kahului on the north shore of Maui northwest across the Pailolo channel to Cape Halawa.

## Six die as storms lash UK

LONDON, Oct. 29, (AP): Winds gusting to hurricane force swept parts of Britain late yesterday and early today killing six people, sinking a Pakistani freighter and driving a Nigerian fish-processing ship on to rocks.

The London weather centre said wind measuring 100.2 miles per hour (161 kilometres per hour) was recorded at the Portland Bill lighthouse on the south coast.

Police said four people died in weather-related traffic accidents, and two fishermen drowned in Portsmouth Harbour on the south coast when their boat capsized.

The coast guard said the 18,000-tonne Pakistani freighter Murree sank about 20 miles (32 kilometres) off the Devon coast in southwest England after losing eight containers overboard in a severe gale and taking in water. They said Royal Navy helicopters winched all 400 persons aboard to safety, including two women and two children.

The last person rescued was a navy winchman who had been lowered to the ship to assist the rescue.

## Sinhalese mayhem goes on unabated: 25 more killed in 24 hours

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka, Oct. 29, (Agencies): At least 19 people were killed in central and southern Sri Lanka in violence the government blamed on Sinhalese radicals, authorities said today.

Six radicals were also killed in gunbattle with soldiers and in attacks blamed on vigilante groups. All the deaths occurred during the past 24 hours, said the statement issued in Colombo.

Sinhalese militants are leading a violent

campaign to overthrow the government. They accuse it of offering too many concessions to the Tamils, who are mostly Hindus and make up 18 per cent of the country's 16 million people.

The government offered the concessions in an accord signed in 1987. However, the most powerful of the Tamil rebels groups, the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, rejected it, saying it did not meet their aims.

More than 5,000 people have been killed

since the Sinhalese uprising began.

Tamils, who count that they are denied jobs and education by the Sinhalese majority, have waged a bloody insurgency for a separate homeland in the northeast since 1983.

The predominantly Buddhist Sinhalese comprise 75 per cent of the population and dominate the government and military. At least 11,000 people have been killed in the 6-year-old Tamil insurgency.

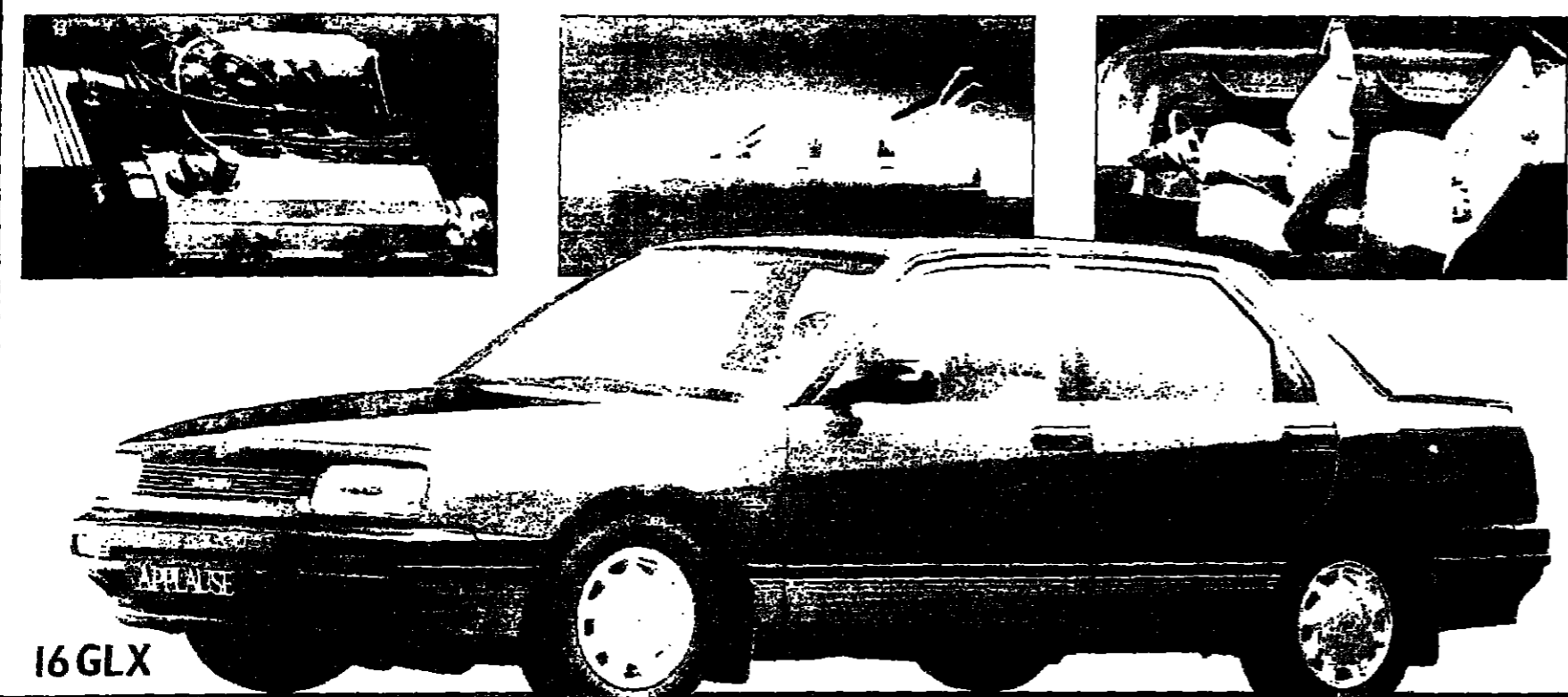
A Tamil group in northern Sri Lanka kidnapped and released 21 policemen last week, security sources said today.

Four armed policemen on duty in Kilinochchi were abducted by the Tamil Eelam Liberation Organisation yesterday. They were released following the intervention of the Indian peace-keeping forces.

A day earlier, 17 policemen were kidnapped and released at Vavuniya, 70 km (45 miles) south of Kilinochchi.

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Police release activists: Bulgarian police have released four activists held during a crackdown on dissent, threatening one with prosecution for espionage and ordering another to leave the country, dissident sources said yesterday.

Human rights activists Lyubomir Sobajev and Anton Zapryanov contacted dissidents in Sofia to say they had been released after the round-up on Wednesday and Thursday, the sources said.

Two other activists told western observers at an unofficial gathering in Sofia yesterday that police had kicked and punched them after seizing them on Thursday. (Reuters)

Mafioso goes on strike: One of Italy's most powerful Mafia bosses has decided in prison to lay aside his paintbrush in protest against a magistrate's refusal to grant him semi-liberty for good behaviour. Friends said his protest was also directed at the refusal of prison authorities to allow more than 400 canvases he has painted in recent years to be taken out of prison.

Luciano Liggio, 64, the suspected boss of the Sicilian Corleonesi, Italy's most powerful Mafia clan, took up painting while serving a life sentence for murdering a clan rival and has sold many of his works to the public. (Reuters)

Peruvian rebels kill: Left-wing guerrillas killed three candidates for mayor of an Andean town after staging a mock trial in front of the villagers, police reported.

They said the guerrillas yesterday then went to a nearby town and murdered two councilmen.

Rebels of the Maoist Shining Path movement have stepped up their attacks to sabotage nationwide municipal elections scheduled for Nov 12. (AP)

Illegal immigrants escape: Five prisoners, all Indonesian illegal immigrants escaped from a Malaysian jail in Johor, south of here last night.

Described by police as dangerous, the prisoners are serving terms between four and a half years for various offences including armed robbery.

US prison melee: More than 90 inmates and 70 prison guards were injured in four hours of hand-to-hand clashes as guards fought to put down a riot at Holmesburg prison here, authorities said yesterday.

A prison spokesman said injuries ranged from cuts to broken bones in the incident on Saturday night, which was believed partly spurred by the inmates' sympathetic response to a two-day revolt last week at Camp Hill state prison, 125 miles (200 km) away.

The melee between about 130 prisoners and 100 guards was touched off by a dispute between an inmate and a guard supervisor, the spokesman said.

He said two guards were briefly taken hostage during the incident but were released unharmed.

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PEOPLE AND PLACES

**LOS ANGELES:** A group of Japanese-Americans who were denied their high school diplomas seven months after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor won recognition 47 years later in a graduation ceremony at their alma mater.

Wearing graduation caps and gowns, 11 of the 15 former students who were enrolled in wartime assembly at Los Angeles High School on Saturday to receive their diplomas, which were dated June 26, 1942. (AP)

**RADNOR, Pennsylvania:** A new TV movie on Richard Nixon's final days as president won't seem tough enough to his detractors, say journalists Carl Bernstein and Bob Woodward.

"Nixon-haters won't be happy with the portrait because you're feeling sorry for him," Woodward said in a recent interview. "You see the crushing loss, and it's just very, very clear that... it hurt."

The movie was based on Woodward and Bernstein's book, "The Final Days," which was published shortly after the release of a film based on their first book, "All the President's Men."

When the book version of "The Final Days" came out, Bernstein recalls, "We were attached on about every ground you can imagine."

The book includes a scene in which Nixon and then-Secretary of State Henry Kissinger knelt on the rug in prayer. (AP)

**PITTSBURGH:** Lorin Maazel said he has agreed to extend his contract as music director of the Pittsburgh Symphony to the end of the 1995-96 season.

The announcement was made at a news conference in Berlin, where Maazel said he was giving up his future conducting dates and cancelling about 40 scheduled recording sessions with the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra.

Maazel, who is on the final week of a four-week tour of the Soviet Union and Europe with the Pittsburgh orchestra, is extending his tenure beyond his current contract, which expires at the end of the 1991-92 season.

In a telephone interview with the Pittsburgh press, symphony spokeswoman Sylvia Turner said Maazel plans to gradually increase his time with the Pittsburgh symphony, which he now leads in eight subscription weeks a season. (AP)

**NASHVILLE, Tennessee:** Actor Jim Varney is promising more of the madcap world of Ernest P. Worrell in his new film "Ernest Goes to Jail."

Varney's goofball, good-guy character finds himself in a jam when he's confronted with life behind bars after being mistaken for his wicked double, Felix Nash.

"Felix has no redeeming virtues. He's just a complete sociopath," Varney said in an interview in the Tennessee.

Former heavyweight boxer Randall "Tex" Cobb plays one of Nash's evil sidekicks in the movie, scheduled for release at Easter.

"Ernest Goes to Jail" was Varney's first Ernest movie, followed by "Ernest Saves Christmas." Varney first played the character in commercials. (AP)

**PHOENIX:** Singer Stevie Nicks says she's glad to be back in her native Phoenix after her "skateboard" ride on the San Francisco earthquake.

Nicks said she was underground in an amphitheatre in Concord, California, about 20 miles (32 kilometres) northeast of San Francisco, preparing for a show when the quake hit Oct 17.

"The ground actually started to move back and forth under my feet like a skateboard. A few minutes later, our tour manager came in and yelled, 'everybody out!'" Nicks recalled. "He grabbed me and we ran about 30 people went running up two flights of stairs."

Nicks said the concert, part of her first solo tour in three years, was cancelled for fear of aftershocks.

"It got me pretty shook up. It makes you stop and take stock of your life," said the 41-year-old Nicks.

"That's why I couldn't wait to get back to Phoenix. I need to be home, to be in my beautiful desert." (AP)

**PREDAPPLO, Italy:** The granddaughter of fascist dictator Benito Mussolini was married on Saturday, the 67th anniversary of the "March on Rome" that brought Mussolini to power.

Suzanna Mussolini, 27, wed a captain in the Italian customs police, 28-year-old Mauro Floriani.

About 200 people packed the church of Sant'Antonio in the northern town of Predapplo for the ceremony, some hoping in vain to see actress Sophia Loren, the sister of the bride's mother, Maria Scelozze. (AP)



**Self-portrait on auction**  
Self portrait of Spanish painter Francisco Jose de Goya to be auctioned, at Sotheby's Oct 30. The painting is currently owned by the Duchess of Alba. Picture taken Oct 28. (Reuters wirephoto)



**Bistro reopens**  
The dooan at Maxim's restaurant in Beijing welcome customers Oct 28 as the famous Parisian bistro celebrated its re-opening. The restaurant shut down after the June 4th massacre in Tiananmen. (Reuters wirephoto)



**Anti-fur rally**  
Carol Royle fling away her fur coat in contempt during an anti-fur rally at Trafalgar Square, London on Oct 28. The lobby group, Lynx, organised the event which offered the owners of fur coats a chance to have them publicly destroyed. (Reuters wirephoto)

**DURHAM, North Carolina:** A huge, 12-storey condom-shaped hot air balloon was grounded Saturday by local officials before it could get airborne as part of an AIDS awareness event.

County manager Jack Beal initially approved launching the bright yellow 12-storey, 45-foot-wide balloon — complete with 10-foot receptacle tip — from a county-owned field near Durham County Stadium, according to Irving Hoffman, a Durham county department of health official.

But when Durham County Commission got wind of the event, organised as part of national AIDS awareness month, they grounded the balloon. (UPI)

**LONDON:** Arthur C. Clarke, the British science fiction writer, has been honoured by Queen Elizabeth II for advancing British culture in Sri Lanka, his home for the past 30 years.

Clarke, who co-wrote the screenplay for Stanley Kubrick's classic "2001: A Space Odyssey," was made a commander of the order of the British Empire, entitling him to add CBE to his name.

The 71-year-old writer said he was happy that the event drew attention to Sri Lanka's civil war, which was inflicting up to 30 deaths a day and had made the island state "a little like a combination of the Lebanon, Northern Ireland and Cambodia at the moment."

He told reporters that the queen "seemed very concerned and distressed" at the bloodshed in Sri Lanka.

Clarke's 70 books have made him one of the world's favourite science fiction writers. (AP)

**DUBLIN, Ireland:** The birthplace of Irish playwright George Bernard Shaw, will become a museum, according to a group that bought the yellow brick rowhouse for \$160,000.

Nora Lever, head of the Shaw Birthplace Museum Trust, said they will restore the eight-room house near the centre of Dublin to the way it was when Shaw was born there in 1856. Shaw and his family lived in the house at 33 Synge St. for 10 years.

"We have been after the house for some time, and look forward to it becoming the basis of any appropriate permanent commemoration of one of Ireland's greatest literary sons in the city of his birth," she said.

The house went up for auction in Dublin last month, but failed to reach the reserve price set by the owners. (AP)

**BALTIMORE:** Betty Friedan, a founder of the women's movement, said she has changed her focus to fight for the rights of the elderly.

Senior citizens "are on the verge of the next great revolution," Friedan said.

Friedan, 68, author of "The Feminine Mystique," which often is credited with giving birth to the women's movement, was in Baltimore to address a conference on health-care priorities for the aging.

"The whole thing is changing so much I can't conceive of the ways we'll be thinking 10 years from now," she said. "We will redefine the values of society and it will be a great change from this era of yuppies, when values are defined by youth."

Friedan divides her time between her home on New York's Long Island, where she is going on a new book about growing older, "The Fountain of Age," and the University of Southern California, where she teaches journalism and women's studies. (AP)

**NEW YORK:** Indicted Saudi financier Adnan Khashoggi won a brief reprieve from his court-ordered confinement to his Manhattan penthouse, gaining a judge's permission to spend two weeks in southern California.

Khashoggi's trip is an exception to travel restrictions attached to his release on \$10 million bail while he awaits a March trial on charges he helped Isabella and Ferdinand Marcos defraud the Philippine treasury.

While in California, Khashoggi's movements will continue to be monitored by an electronic ankle bracelet, as ordered by US district judge John Keenan. (AP)

**STOCKHOLM, Sweden:** The oldest bank bill in Europe, dating from 1666, was sold for 224,000 kronor (\$35,000) at an auction Saturday, the national news agency TT reported.

Auctioneer and coin dealer Hirsch Mynt AB had set the opening bid at 70,000 kronor (\$11,000), the agency said. It did not give the name of either buyer or seller of the 100-daler Swedish bank note. (AP)

**STOCKHOLM:** Christer Pettersson, the man convicted for the 1986 murder of Prime Minister Olof Palme, and then released 14 days ago by an appeals court, was earlier this week detained on suspicion of buying drugs, Swedish press reported Friday. (UPI)

**BASTIA, Corsica:** Police said Saturday they arrested three Italian merchants on charges of using an owl as bait to lure rare birds into their snare.

The three were identified as Paolo Gavina, Paolo Orsano and Riccardo Ghelarducci, all merchants from Pisa. Officers said the three visited Corsica regularly and used an owl placed on a 10 ft (3 m) high perch to trap birds on the French-administered island. (UPI)

# Rocking collapses bridge

**HEBER SPRINGS, Arkansas, Oct 29. (AP):** A pedestrian bridge with as many as 50 people on it has collapsed, killing five people and seriously injuring 18, after some rocked the span back and forth, authorities said.

One other person was believed missing in the wake of the accident yesterday afternoon. After the 50-foot (15-metre) high 200- to 300-foot- (60- to 80-metre)-long steel suspension

bridge fell into the little Red River in north-central Arkansas. Said Wayne Milligan of the Cleburne county sheriff's office.

Rescue crews, who used chain saws and cranes to remove the tangled remains of the 77-year-old bridge as darkness fell, found the bodies of three of the dead around 9 pm local time, more than five hours after the accident.

There were 30 to 50 people on the popular

bridge, including members of a church group in nearby Prim for their annual meeting and a boy scout troop, when the accident occurred in mid-afternoon, officials said.

Some of the people rocked the span. Milligan said. "The cable on the upstream side broke and the bridge fell to one side. The other cable broke and the whole thing came down," he said.

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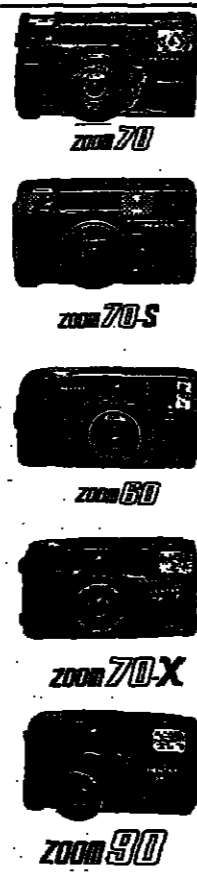
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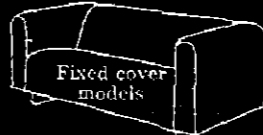
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Papandreu

## Odds are against Papandreu still hopeful

ATHENS, Greece, Oct 29, (AP): Despite open-heart surgery, a messy divorce and indictment on criminal charges, former premier Andreas Papandreu is a strong contender in Nov 5 national elections.

Remarkably, the charismatic socialist and former US economics professor appears to have retained popular support — and claims his party will triumph. It is not an empty boast; three polls this month indicated that Papandreu's Panhellenic Socialist Movement (Pasok) would retain the 39 per cent it won in last June's election.

"We are talking about victory. The forecasts look better every day," the 70-year-old Papandreu told the Athens daily Epikairo.

Actually, victory appears far from assured. Papandreu is going into the polls as an underdog, after winning easy victories in 1981 and 1985 and then losing his party in June polls. But no one is ruling him out.

Papandreu's durability is due to several factors: political astuteness; the strong party loyalty of Greek voters; support from farmers; Papandreu's autocratic rule of Pasok; and his personal charisma.

The most serious difficulty facing Papandreu are the charges of involvement in a multi-million-dollar bank scandal and of ordering illegal wiretapping of his friends and foes.

In September he was indicted by parliament, becoming the first Greek civilian leader ordered to stand trial for alleged wrongdoing in office.

Papandreu claimed that the

indictments were the result of a conspiracy to annihilate him politically. This defence appears to have worked.

The former premier has faced no threats to his leadership within his own party, because of his autocratic form of rule and the absence of another leader on the horizon.

In addition to the scandal charges, conservatives and leftists accuse Papandreu of ruining the economy, citing a \$58-billion public debt.

But farmers, who form 25 per cent of the working population, point to improvements in education and health care in the countryside and to European Economic Community agricultural subsidies which they attribute to the socialist's management.

Papandreu has won support from the left through pledging to pull Greece out of Nato and the EEC, and keeping close ties with international leftist figures.

However, he has acted pragmatically, keeping Greece in the EEC and negotiating a new 5-year defence accord with the United States in 1983.

Political scientist Michalis Spourdalakis says Papandreu was able to capitalise on the anti-US sentiments which followed the fall of Greece's junta in 1974. The seven-year dictatorship was seen as having enjoyed American support.

Papandreu, who founded Pasok in 1974, promised a new future for Greece but also represented a link with the past. He was a cabinet member in the centrist government of his father George, who was removed from power in 1965.

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## New frontier for money laundering

CORAL GABLES, Florida, Oct 29, (AP): Efforts to curb money laundering in the Western hemisphere have pushed drug traffickers to scour the globe for banking havens for their illicit profits, bankers and economists say.

Countries whose economies thrive due to banking secrecy laws may want to join the war on drugs, but few are willing to clean up other black-market activities, said R. Thomas Naylor, an economist at McGill University in Montreal.

"Drug money is mixed with money from arms trafficking, smuggling, insider trading and the looting of underdeveloped countries," Naylor told bankers, lawyers and law enforcement officials from the United States and Colombia at a conference yesterday on money laundering.

"The Indian Ocean seems to be the new frontier," Naylor said. "The Seychelles and Mauritania are getting into the offshore and instant-corporation game ... and dope dealers are moving in under the cover of that."

In his keynote speech on Friday, Attorney-General Dick Thornburgh said US laws making money laundering a crime, requiring banks and corporations to report large cash transactions.

He said treaties allowing authorities to exchange information across borders have immeasurably helped efforts to seize drug profits.

Nevertheless, drug traffickers are "diabolically innovative" at hiding their

money, Thornburgh said. "They will employ any financial instrument as a cleanser."

Many academics, lawyers and bankers said they were even more pessimistic.

Curtailed money laundering will never be as successful as interdicting the flow of drugs because it isn't feasible to restrict international financial markets, said economist Peter Reuter of the Rand Corp., a think tank.

The US seized about 90 metric tons of cocaine last year, about one-fourth the estimated 360 to 450 tons that reached US users. In contrast, the more than 6 million cash-transaction reports submitted so far this year have uncovered only several dozen laundering leads, Reuter said.

"These are hard-core desperadoes. To think that additional money laundering controls in the banking system will exert a chilling effect is simply unrealistic," said Steven Wisotsky, a law professor at Nova University in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Wisotsky advocated cutting the drug enforcement budget and putting more taxpayer money into social programmes.

That comment drew an angry reaction from Tom Cash, head of the US drug enforcement administration's Miami office, who pointed to the conference as evidence of the international co-operation needed to fight drug trafficking.

"Ten years ago, no such thing as money laundering was a crime," he said later.

## Bolivia refuge for drug dealers

LA PAZ, Oct 29, (Agencies): Bolivian police began searching yesterday for reputed Colombian cocaine barons Pablo Escobar Gaviria and Gonzalo Rodriguez Gacha after a diplomat said they were hiding in the Bolivian jungle.

The two men are wanted in the United States. The Colombian government launched a major offensive in August to break the drug cartels centred on the towns of Medellin and Cali.

Colombia extradited to the United States today a major drug suspect said to rank number four in the notorious Medellin cocaine cartel, authorities said.

Jose Rafael Abello is the fifth accused drug trafficker to be sent to face trial in the United States since the Colombian government launched a tough anti-narcotics crackdown on Aug 18.

No details were immediately available on the circumstances of the extradition.

Colombian Ambassador Carlos Lozano said in a newspaper interview he had solid information that Escobar had sought refuge in the Beni department, the main cocaine-producing region in northeastern Bolivia.

Escobar, 39, is considered the head of Colombia's Medellin drug cartel.

Lozano told the daily Ultima Hora that Rodriguez Gacha, 42, nicknamed "The Mexican" and said to be the cartel's third man, was also lying low in the Beni.

The vast jungle region is dotted with clandestine airstrips and cocaine laboratories run by Bolivian and Colombian drug traffickers.

"I have much information that indicates Escobar is in the Beni," Lozano said in the interview published here yesterday.

A top officer in Bolivia's anti-drug squad said in Trinidad, the capital of the Beni, that the special police force had doubled its efforts to trace the fugitive drug kingpins.

"We don't have any information, but it is possible that they are here," the officer, who asked not to be identified, told Reuters in a telephone interview.

A bomb believed planted by a drug-funded hit squad ripped through the administrative headquarters of a Bogota airport, killing one person, authorities said yesterday.

Police said 90 pounds (40 kg) of dynamite exploded Friday night in the bathroom of the administrative building at Guaymaral Airport, used for police and military planes as well as private aircraft. The victim was identified as Ramon Cueto Moreno.

A man claiming to be a member of the cocaine cartel-linked hit squad, "The Extraditables," called radio stations yesterday morning to take responsibility for the attack at the facility north of Bogota.

Another bomb destroyed a Bogota bank office Friday and blew out doors and windows of businesses in the area, but caused no injuries, police said.

The drug war in Colombia is believed to have triggered a big increase in cocaine trafficking through this Caribbean territory, with smugglers seeking new export routes, a customs official said yesterday.

Ramon Davila, chief investigator at the US customs office in the US Virgin Islands, said since early August, authorities have recovered 1,008 pounds (457 kilos) of cocaine with a street value of \$45.7 million.

Most of it, from air or sea drops, was washed up on beaches or floating in bales in the territory's waters, Davila said.

## Ortega consulting aides on ceasefire

Offer to reconsider decision

MANAGUA, Oct 29, (Reuters): President Daniel Ortega said yesterday he is consulting Sandinista officials on whether to end a 19-month-old ceasefire against US-backed Contra rebels and will announce his decision on Tuesday.

Ortega made the statement after returning from a two-day Pan-American summit in Costa Rica which he left early after announcing he planned to end the ceasefire because of escalated attacks by rebels.

"I had to return to Nicaragua to explore more deeply everything that has to do with the ceasefire," Ortega told reporters when asked why he left the San Jose summit before it closed.

Ortega was quoted as saying on Friday night that Sandinista soldiers would go on the offensive on Wednesday against the Contras.

But on Saturday he offered to reconsider his decision if the United States transferred some \$65 million in humanitarian aid for the Contras to the United Nations for use in disbanding the rebel army.

President Bush returned home after a two-day hemispheric summit, but refused yesterday to say if he would resume military aid to the Contras following Ortega's threat to end ceasefire.

At a news conference before departing the Costa Rican capital, site of the two-day meeting of the hemisphere's elected leaders, Bush sharply derided Ortega for his threat to end the ceasefire, while urging him to maintain it.

"It's a shameful blow to democracy," Bush said of Ortega's bombshell announcement late Friday at the summit held to celebrate 100 years of Costa Rican democracy.

Bush called Ortega "one little man out of whack with the rest of the hemisphere" and insisted he was "not going to judge a salute to democracy ... by the fact that Ortega looks like an unwanted animal at a garden party."

Bush cautioned that if Ortega follows through with the suspension of the 19-month-old ceasefire, "that will change the equation 180 degrees." But the President declined to say how the United States would respond.

An opposition spokesman, Luis Sanchez, called Ortega's statement "a manoeuvre to intimidate the population" and said suspending the ceasefire "in fact places the country under a state of siege" leading up to national elections scheduled for Feb 25.

Sanchez, a spokesman for the anti-government coalition National Opposition Union, popularly known by its Spanish initials of UNO, said Ortega wants the ceasefire to end because the Sandinistas are increasingly worried about losing the elections.

Ortega is running for re-election and his main challenger is Violeta Barrios de Chamorro, UNO's candidate.

"This in fact places the electoral process under a state of siege," Sanchez said in a telephone interview with Radio Catolica, Nicaragua's Roman Catholic church radio station, from San Jose.

The Nicaraguan army denied yesterday it had staged a sweep against Contra rebels.

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica, Oct 29, (AP): The Nicaraguan Contras, weakened by a peace accord and reduced US aid, may have lost military and political momentum, but not their determination to overthrow Daniel Ortega's Sandinista government.

Ortega's plan to break off a ceasefire with the Contras disrupted Costa Rica's celebration of 100 years of democracy and led US President George Bush to hint yesterday at the possibility of renewing US military aid for the rebels.

## Tsunami hits Japan rocked

TOKYO, Oct 29, (UPI): An earthquake measuring 6.5 on the Richter scale rocked northern Japan today and touched off several small tsunami waves but there were no reports of damage or injuries, officials said.

The centre of the earthquake was off the Pacific coast near the small city of Sanriku about 280 miles (450 km) north of Tokyo and occurred at 2:26 pm, a spokesman at the Japan Earthquake Centre said.

The earthquake measured 6.5 on the Richter scale, a magnitude capable of causing severe damage.

## DC-10 crash probe, taking note of safety

CHICAGO, Oct 29, (Reuters): The crash of a DC-10 airliner in July will be the subject of a government inquiry this week which could have far-reaching implications for air safety in the United States.

The four days of hearing at the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB), which start on Tuesday, will not place blame of the crash, but will assess many aspects of the tragedy, board spokesman Ted Lopatkiwicz said.

The crash of United Airlines Flight 232 in Sioux City, Iowa, on July 19 killed 112 of the 296 people on board.

A general electric engine in the tail of the DC-10, made by McDonnell Douglas, blew apart at 39,000 feet (11,900 metres), cutting lines to the plane's hydraulic systems controlling

direction and altitude. "The implications of this accident are heavy for the aviation industry if this turns out to be a systemic problem," Lopatkiwicz said.

"We'll get into matters such as the design and certification of that particular engine, the design of the hydraulic system, and there probably will be some discussion of crash-fire rescue operations and the crashworthiness of today's airplanes," he said.

McDonnell Douglas has recommended that valves be installed on its aircraft, including the DC-10, to prevent total hydraulic failure.

The report of the NTSB, the federal agency in charge of investigating airline and other crashes, is not expected for several months.

## California quake Tragedy remains vivid

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct 29, (UPI): A world series tribute, a Tongan funeral, a house crushed by a piece of weakened freeway and tiny quivering aftershocks remind northern Californians they're still living in the aftermath of a major earthquake.

No reminder was necessary for thousands of displaced people lined up for food under sunny skies yesterday at San Francisco churches, shelters in Oakland, and at a huge "tent city" for the homeless in Santa Cruz country. For them, the tragedy remains vivid.

Tourists also remain wary. San Francisco's usually packed cable cars are clanging along undamaged hills with only a few passengers, and some hotels shaken by the 7.1 magnitude quake of Oct 17, are reporting occupancy levels 50 per cent of normal.

Inquiry Meanwhile, the world series headed smoothly into last night's game 4 at Candlestick Park, after fans returning to the stadium Friday night with flashlights and hard hats belted out a rendition of "San Francisco" on national television to shake the tension. Heroes of quake rescue efforts threw out the ceremonial first balls before game 3, after which the Oakland A's shellacked the San Francisco Giants, 13-7.

California Gov. George Deukmejian, in his weekly radio address yesterday, said he had named a board of inquiry to investigate the collapse of a 1.6-km-long stretch of double-decker elevated interstate highway in Oakland, where 39 bodies were recovered in a mangled mass of collapsed concrete and steel, the worst death toll at a single site in the quake area. There have been 63 confirmed deaths overall resulting from the earthquake.

"One of the most compelling and immediate needs is to determine why a section of the 1-880 freeway did not survive an earthquake of this magnitude, as our state's leading transportation experts believed it would," said Deukmejian, who appointed California Institute of Technology's George Housner to head the inquiry.

As a reminder of the grisly highway collapse, a chunk of concrete crushed an empty house early yesterday in a heavily damaged Oakland neighbourhood evacuated because of structural dangers.

Demolition An eight-block section of San Francisco's Marina district near the Golden Gate bridge remained cordoned off during demolition of more than dozen quake-weakened apartment buildings. The city's structural engineers yesterday stopped taking further emergency requests to inspect property.

In the Santa Cruz mountains to the south of San Francisco and Oakland, travel continued to be a problem, with roads closed from damage when the San Andreas fault "slipped," and sent shockwaves as far as 600 miles (960 km) from the quake epicenter.

Highway 17, a main artery between Santa Cruz and San Jose's "Silicon Valley" electronics industry, had travel restrictions in effect, and the California transportation department said the road would likely be closed periodically this winter by mudslides triggered in rains.

Currently, motorists are taken over the mountain in convoys, upsetting many local residents who get stuck behind the commuter crunch.

Aids patient Aids patient Gary Lee Brown has been told he has just three to six months to live, but when the earthquake hit he ran for his life like everybody else.

"I'm not giving up," the 30-year-old man said. "I don't want to die. I'm not ready to go."

Brown and others among this city's 3,000 Aids patients suffered special problems in the Oct 17, earthquake.

## Contras determined to overthrow Ortega's Sandinista government

ing to subvert the elections scheduled for Feb 25.

Five Central American presidents agreed on Aug 7 that the Contras should be disbanded in exchange for democratic reforms in Nicaragua. The accord called for the Contras to be voluntarily repatriated to their homeland by Dec 8.

The Contras, in turn, vowed not to disband quietly. They left their home bases in Honduras and began marching back into

their homeland, carrying old weapons and dwindling stocks of ammunition.

"We're sure we'll be able to make sure the Sandinistas can't live in peace," said Contra army commander Israel Galesano in an interview last August with the Associated Press at his camp in Honduras.

Galesano said then the rebels would launch no offensive operations and would await the outcome of the elections.

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# Pushers slain in Manila shootout

MANILA, Oct. 29, (Reuters): Philippine soldiers shot dead two Taiwanese belonging to a syndicate peddling drugs in the Philippines, Hong Kong, Taiwan and Thailand, a military spokesman said.

A Filipino gang-member and a soldier were wounded in the gun-battle yesterday night in the Manila suburb Quezon City.

The shooting occurred outside a restaurant where syndicate members, including the Taiwanese, named as Pan Min Tsung and Chuang Wen Yen, were to hand over a quantity of drugs to a military undercover agent posing as a buyer, anti-narcotics command chief Major Eduardo Orpilla said.

Orpilla said the two Taiwanese were members of a syndicate distributing an amphetamine drug, "Shabu" locally to buyers in the Philippines and neighbouring countries.

Shooting began when syndicate members sensed the presence of lawmen in the restaurant and drew their guns.

The syndicate, called the "Bamboo Gang," is among three big drug rings which Senator Ernesto Herrera, in a recent Senate speech, said were operating in the Philippines.

## Gays are suitable

WASHINGTON, Oct. 29, (AP): A draft report by a defence department in Washington study group says homosexuals trying to join the military have stronger qualifications and fewer problems in their backgrounds than their heterosexual counterparts.



Filipino forces protest

About 1,000 Philippine military officers and men stage a mass protest inside camp Sergio Osmeña in central Cebu City, denouncing a proposed legislation to reorganise the armed forces and police. They

prop up a huge placard showing Defence Secretary General Fidel Ramos and Senator Ernesto Maceda holding the proposed bill. (Reuters wirephoto)

# Manila military protests new law

MANILA, Oct. 29, (Reuters): Plans to reorganise the Philippine police and armed forces have put elements of the military on a collision course with the government of President Corason Aquino just before she visits the United States and Canada.

The plans prompted angry protests by officers and men against legislation in the Senate, in defiance of a warning by Defence Secretary Fidel Ramos against public demonstrations and threats of court martial.

Armed Forces Chief-of-Staff General Renato de Villa ruled out the possibility of an uprising by disgruntled units of the military who oppose the reorganisation.

There will be no such thing. They'll continue to do their duties as they have been doing and they'll be very professional about it," he told reporters.

He was forced to issue an order on Saturday banning protest action after 1,000 officers and men in the central city Cebu burned effigies, raised clenched fists and wore black arm bands during a mass demonstration on Friday inside a military camp.

At Manila's Camp Crame members of the Philippine Constabulary (PC), a force with dual military and police functions, put up banners opposing legislation which would abolish the constabulary.

Protests against the proposed legislation reorganising the police and armed forces have also taken place in Legaspi, southeast of Manila.

De Villa ordered Major-General Ramon Montano, the constabulary commander, to impose sanctions against anyone defying the ban on protests, saying opposition should be restricted to lobbying members of the Senate and House of Representatives.

De Villa described the Cebu protest as "mere over-enthusiasm" and said the troops remained loyal.

"But I think you must also understand that the PC officers and men are very, very strong in their feelings and over-enthusiastic in showing how they feel," he stated.

In an editorial on Sunday, the independent newspaper Malays said restiveness within constabulary ranks had rekindled fears of increased political instability.

The Philippine Daily Inquirer called for "sobriety and calm." It said the military should use legal avenues to win changes in the proposed legislation.

"There is no need to 'black-mail' the legislators by engaging in provocative protest actions, nor to fan the fires of speculation over a possible coup attempt, especially now that Aquino is about to leave on state visits to Canada and the United States," it said in an editorial.

The proposed legislation is required by the new constitution drawn up after Aquino was swept to power in a 1986 revolt which ended the 20-year rule of ex-president Ferdinand Marcos. It would abolish the PC and create instead a national police force under civilian control.

The Philippine Constabulary, which has a strength of 50,000 men out of the armed forces total of 165,000, is at present part of the military.

Montano told reporters in Manila on Friday that renegade Colonel Gregorio "Gringo" Hosman, who led a 1987 coup attempt against Aquino, was trying to take advantage of the discontent to recruit constabulary officers.

Aquino, who has survived five attempted coups, has said she would like to see changes in the legislation, which would bar some senior officers from posts in the new police force.

Napoleon Rama, a member of the team which helped draw up the new constitution and now publisher of the Manila Bulletin newspaper, said an underlying objective of the legislation was to clip the powers of the military, which became extensive under Marcos.

"One of the reasons was that the military at that time (during the Marcos presidency) had become very powerful and had been a source of abuse. That was our preception," he said.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**Gang-related shootings:** Four people were killed and at least nine others wounded in weekend gang violence, including a drive-by shooting that left one dead and three critically wounded in Los Angeles, authorities said on Saturday.

One woman was killed and three men were critically wounded in a drive-by shooting in south Los Angeles late Saturday Sheriff's deputy Dean Scoville said.

Factions of the direct liquor store and visitors of a nearby church were in an unpaid parking lot next to the store when people in a pickup truck yelled out a gang name and opened fire on the group, Scoville said. (UPI)

**Newspapers taken to task:** The Information Ministry has admonished five Indonesian national newspapers for fanning rumours of poisoned food, the official news agency Antara said on Sunday.

It said their editors had admitted responsibility for disseminating news on poison in food, drink and cigarettes although the Health Ministry had clearly stated there was no truth behind the reports.

The rumours, which appear to be dying down, swept the country during the past two weeks, prompting President Suharto to call for calm. (Reuters)

**Reagan back in California:** Former president Ronald Reagan has returned from a nine-day visit to Japan that was capped by a call for a Pacific free trade zone and greater bilateral trade cooperation.

Reagan and his wife, Nancy, left the western port city of Osaka on Saturday aboard their chartered Boeing 747 with about 230 relatives of US military personnel stationed in Japan.

The plane arrived later Saturday in Los Angeles, said Reagan spokesman Mike Busch. He said Reagan and his wife made no remarks at the airport. (AP)

**Arpaillange denies claims:** French Justice Minister Pierre Arpaillange, denying claims that he failed to oppose a presidential pardon for France's most wanted war crimes suspect, said on Saturday he had always been against any such move.

He said in a statement he was replying to "certain insinuations" that he played an instrumental role in a 1971 pardon granted by President Georges Pompidou to Paul Touvier.

Arpaillange at the time was a top civil servant in charge of pardons at the Justice Ministry.



Expressing dissatisfaction

An elderly man chants pro-democracy slogans during a rally in Hong Kong Oct 29. Hundreds of Hong Kong residents attended the rally to express their dissatisfaction for the future political structure Hong Kong reverts to Chinese rule in 1997. (Reuters wirephoto)

**Intelsat 6 functioning well:** Intelsat 6, the world's biggest commercial telecommunications satellite, was functioning well Saturday after it was launched by a European Ariane-4 space rocket.

Jean-Michel Desobry, commercial director of the ArianeSpace consortium, said Intelsat in Washington had confirmed that "the satellite's antenna deployed properly and all is functioning as desired." The 4.2-tonne satellite, which can handle 120,000 telephone conversations as well as television and data transmissions, was launched on Friday from the European Space Agency's base in French Guiana, on the northeast tip of South America. (Reuters)

**Crime rate soars in USSR:** The total number of crimes reported in the Soviet Union soared 32 per cent in the first nine months of 1989, with reported serious crimes rising much faster, the official news agency Tass said on Saturday.

"Crime is on the increase practically everywhere... one crime in three remains unsolved," Tass said. Law and order forces were being strengthened, it added.

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## Taiwan's fighter debut bumpy

CHINGCHUANKANG AIR FORCE BASE, Taiwan, Oct 29, (AP): Taiwan's first locally developed jet fighter failed to take off today, after a tire burst as the aircraft prepared for its debut flight.

The exercise, carried out in the presence of President Lee Teng-hui, was salvaged when a second fighter successfully lifted off.

The single-seat indigenous defensive fighter tilted as its left tyre exploded, seconds after it began a 300-metre (900-foot) approach on the runway, 20 metres (66 feet) from a podium where Lee and other officials watched.

The pilot braked the jet in a swirl of sand after taking about 100 metres (330 feet). He was not injured, and the plane suffered only slightly damage to its nose and landing gear.

Another IDF jet completed the five-minute air show for officials and the media soon thereafter.

"That the accident was swiftly resolved proved our air force is well-trained and the fighter has a sturdy design," President Lee told a news conference at this air base in central Taiwan.

"The fighter was accelerated to 230 kilometres per hour (143 miles per hour) at the time and any plane could turn over at such high speed," said the pilot, Col Wu Kang-Ming. "Yet the fighter's strong side wings helped slow it down."

Gen. Hau Pei-Tsun, Taiwan's top military chief, said the accident was a chance to improve the fighter.

When the prototype of the fighter was rolled out in December after six years of development, Lee christened it the "Ching-Kuo" in honour of his predecessor, Chiang Ching-Kuo, who died in January 1988.

It has since had more than 40 test flights and has completed the first phase of subsonic flight testing.

Military officials say the fighter is similar to a US F-16 and eventually will replace aged F-5E and F-104 fighters now used by the Taiwan military.

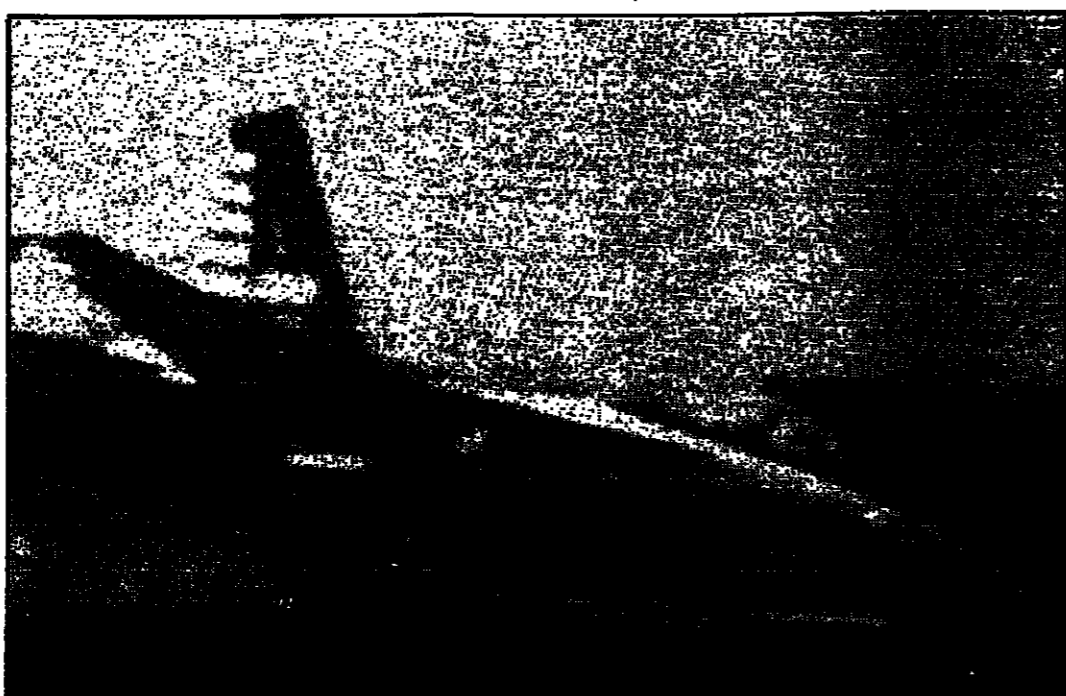
### Air threat

It was designed, the military has said, to meet possible air threats from China and to ensure Taiwan's air superiority over the Taiwan Strait.

That nationalist government, which fled to Taiwan in 1949 after losing a civil war to the communists, is still technically at war with China.

Officials said Taiwan plans to build 250 such planes at a total cost of \$110 billion Taiwan dollars (\$4.2 billion US). Mass production will begin in 1990.

They say the fighter was designed and produced at Taiwan's military-run Chungshan Science Institute in northern Taiwan. But news reports said it was built with technical assistance from several US companies, including General Dynamics Corp and Garrett Turbine Engine Co.



Oops! what a bumpy start

A Taiwan-built 'Ching-kuo' fighter plane built with US technology, bursts a tyre and skids down the runway during first public take-off attempt at the Taichung Air-Force Base Oct 29. (Reuters wirephoto)



Young ANC supporters gather at a Soweto soccer stadium for a mass rally. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Doctors held

Americans flown to Maputo

MAPUTO, Mozambique, Oct 29, (AP): Government soldiers have seized six members of an American medical team and two South African colleagues and detained them at a military compound in northern Mozambique, according to US officials.

In Carlsbad, California, David Courson, president of the Carlsbad-based Christian Emergency Relief, said late yesterday that all eight had been flown to Maputo.

He reported information from Mozambique saying the eight had been held at a military outpost at Tete, near the border, and were flown 290 miles (460 kilometres) south to Maputo.

US State Department spokeswoman Anita Stockman said in Washington that American authorities were told the eight still were in the custody of Mozambican soldiers and were being transported to Maputo, capital of the war-torn nation.

"We don't have any confirmation that they have been freed,"

she said, adding she did not know if charges had been filed against them.

Courson said he understood they had not been charged.

The Americans and South Africans were captured near the Malawi-Mozambique border in Southern Africa, said Kris Courson, the relief group's director of medical services.

She identified the Americans as Dr Ken Daugherty, Dr Fred Leist and his wife, Lucille, Dr John Cannon, and paramedics Carol Roberts and Steve Sherrill.

Also seized were South African missionaries Peter Hammond and George Bezeidenhout who were serving as guides, according to the relief organisation.

Angolan government troops killed 31 UNITA rebels in clashes in three provinces of the south-western African nation over the past week, the Angolan State news agency Angop reported.

## Tambo calls for liberty at rally

SOWETO, South Africa, Oct 29, (Reuters): ANC leader Oliver Tambo called on supporters at one of South Africa's biggest anti-apartheid rallies today to intensify their struggle for freedom and issued a conciliatory message to the government.

About 70,000 people in a soccer stadium outside Soweto tonight were told a message from Tambo, president of the outlawed African National Congress (ANC), who is recuperating in London after a stroke.

The message included an expected call to step up the fight to dismantle apartheid race laws and end the "criminal ideology of white supremacy."

The tone of Tambo's message was mild, saying white President FW De Klerk could lead South Africa either to destruction or to negotiation between its feuding parties and movements.

"(De Klerk) may yet earn a place among the peace-makers of our country," said Tambo.

The rally, attended mostly by black people, would have been unthinkable in South Africa until last month, when De Klerk's government eased tough curbs on anti-apartheid protest.

Political analysts said they could not remember a rally as big as the one today, held within sight of the skyscrapers of central Johannesburg, which are reserved for South Africa's white minority.

"Somewhat conciliatory, it helps," was how one analyst saw the message from Tambo, whose ANC has been banned since 1960 and has fought a low-level guerrilla war to end white rule.

The ANC demands the release of all political prisoners, the lifting of bans on itself and other opposition groups and an end to three-year-old state of emergency regulations, as conditions for negotiating with Pretoria.

The government in turn wants the ANC to halt its armed struggle.

Officially, the rally was called to welcome seven prominent ANC members, freed two weeks ago after decades in prison. On this basis the government gave permission for it to proceed.

But in effect the demonstration was a huge show of support for the ANC, despite government warnings that it was illegal to promote the aims of the guerrilla organisation.

The release of the detainees, including former ANC Secretary-General Walter Sisulu, has raised new speculation that freedom may be near for Nelson Mandela, South Africa's most famous political prisoner.

# China blames US for worsening ties

## Beijing welcomes Nixon

BEIJING, Oct 29, (Reuters): China's foreign minister welcomed former US president Richard Nixon to Beijing yesterday and told him Washington was to blame for worsening relations.

"The present difficulties in Sino-US relations are not what we would like to see nor what we have created," Qian Qichen told Nixon at a welcoming banquet.

"Sino-US relations are at a cross-roads," state radio quoted Qian as saying.

"We sincerely hope the US government will weigh the pros and cons operation and government-backed loans after the military crushed student-led protests on June 4. The US embassy has sheltered China's most prominent dissident, Fang Lizhi, since the crackdown."

Nixon, most prominent American to visit China since the crackdown, is on his sixth trip to China as a private citizen since 1972. His 1972 visit as president opened the way to diplomatic relations between Washington and Beijing.

Nixon met today with Education Minister Li Tieying for what the Chinese described as frank and sincere talks on China's policy towards its students.

Nixon was briefed on China's "practice of being kind-hearted towards the students while setting strict demands on them," the official Xinhua news agency said.

The government has summarised its student policy in those words since it used the army on June 3-4 to recapture Tiananmen Square from students occupying it to demand democratic reform.

Li and other officials have said they will "understand, educate and unify" most of the hundreds of thousands of students who took part in the protests nationwide, while punishing only a small group of leaders.

Xinhua did not say how Nixon responded to Li's briefing, but in diplomatic parlance, "frank and sincere" often are used to describe talks where the two sides disagree.

The three-paragraph report said Li also discussed China's educational exchanges with other countries, but it gave no other details. An earlier, two-sentence Xinhua report on the meeting said simply: "They had a friendly conversation."

Nixon's spokesman, John Taylor, said Nixon planned to give a banquet for the Chinese hosts, but refused to give other details of his schedule or even the length of his stay.

"We've made an overall agreement with the Chinese on how the trip should be handled," Taylor said, adding that Nixon came "not to make news, but to have serious and extensive meeting with Chinese leaders."

Taylor said Nixon did not intend to try to mediate a solution to the standoff between Washington and Beijing over China's violent crushing of dissent and the United States' giving shelter at its embassy to two prominent Chinese dissidents, Fang Lizhi and his wife.

"This is a fact-finding trip," Taylor said, "to assess the current status of Chinese-US relations and discuss the strategic setting in which the two countries find themselves."

The People's Daily newspaper today published a lengthy speech by Jiang, typical of the headline rhetoric the leadership has used since it suppressed the protests.

## Burmese boat sinks

BANGKOK, Oct 29, (AP): A double-decker ferry-boat with 170 passengers aboard sank southwest of Rangoon, the Burmese capital, and more than 60 passengers were reported missing.

The radio said the privately owned ferry sank yesterday in a whirlpool about two miles (3.2 kms) from Dedaye, in the Irrawaddy delta.

The broadcast said 104 passengers were rescued, four bodies were recovered by rescue units and search efforts continued for the 62 missing passengers.

Major accidents involving ferry-boats and coastal vessels occur periodically in Burma. The vessels are frequently overloaded and poorly maintained.



A boy plays with an automatic rifle in Thma Pouk in north-west Cambodia, which was captured by guerrillas during an offensive against government forces earlier this month. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Khmer Rouge advances

### Another highway cut

BANGKOK, Oct 29, (Reuters): The Khmer Rouge said today its guerrillas were advancing in an attempt to capture a main route from the western Cambodian outpost of Pailin to the city of Battambang.

Western diplomats said if they took control of Route 10 it would open up a direct line from Khmer Rouge camps at the Thai border to Battambang and enable them to stop the government moving up its forces to attack main infiltration routes.

The government has made no comment on the fall of Pailin, which was confirmed by Thai military officials, and gave only a brief report of fighting in the area southwest of Battambang.

The radio of the Khmer Rouge, the most powerful of three loosely-allied guerrilla groups, said it had temporarily cut another highway and the railway linking Battambang with the capital Phnom Penh.

It said the railway had been out of use for 10 days between Battambang and Svay Don Kev, about 60 km (40 miles) southeast of Battambang.

"We continue to fight to cut off the railroad track and Route

5," according to the broadcast monitored in Bangkok. The attacks on the road were made both east and west of Moung, a small market town 20 km (12 miles) east of Svay Don Kev.

Cambodians say mention of the Khmer Rouge still instils terror in most people because of the ruthlessness with which it ruled from 1975 to 1978, when more than one million Cambodians died.

Commanders of the Vietnamese forces, withdrawn in September, said they believed the guerrillas would try to capture Battambang and control an area of territory to strengthen their hand in negotiations.

The radio said the guerrillas seized two Soviet-made T52 tanks and two multiple rocket launchers when they advanced a few kilometres (miles) along Route 10 from the village of Pang Roloem, which they took last week after capturing Pailin.

It said there was still fighting along several stretches of Route 10, which runs for about 90 km (55 miles) from the border to Battambang.

Although it has not given details of the situation along

Route 10, the government radio did refer to successes by its 196th division of troops, which the Khmer Rouge said had been routed in the battle at Pailin.

"The 196th division, with its outstanding fighting experiences, has firmly expanded and strengthened its foothold," a broadcast said on Friday night.

It said a group of guerrillas trying to infiltrate from Thailand had been driven back and 30 enemy troops were killed.

Further north, in the waterlogged paddy fields and scrubland north of the Cambodian town of Sisophon, non-communist guerrillas appeared to be blocked in their attempts to capture Svay Chek, an important outpost on Highway 69.

A cameraman of the Visnews television news agency, David McKaige, who finished a six-day tour with the guerrillas at the weekend, said attempts to take Svay Chek and three other outposts failed after heavy government artillery barrages.

The government radio in Phnom Penh reported two thwarted attacks on Svay Chek last week in which it said 80 guerrillas were killed.

## Quemoy on guard

### Front line if hostilities break out

QUEMOY, Taiwan, Oct 29, (Reuters): On Taiwan's island fortress of Quemoy, even the paper chopstick holders are printed with patriotic slogans saying it is the key to recovering all of mainland China.

Anti-paratrooper spikes in almost every field, machinegun emplacements at every interval and a strict curfew all testify that Quemoy would be the front line if hostilities broke out again between Chinese Nationalists and Communists.

Nationalists last week marked the 40th anniversary of their conquest of Quemoy, which at its closest point is just two km (1.2 miles) from Chinese territory.

But it was a bittersweet victory, for 1989 is also the 40th anniversary of the Nationalist flight to Taiwan from Mao Tse-Tung's troops at the end of China's civil war.

The Nationalists in Taipei, claiming to be the rightful government of China, are still officially at war with Beijing.

But on Taiwan martial law ended in 1987 and the military presence is hardly noticeable. Not so on Quemoy.

Even though no shells have fallen since 1979, military officials still keep the island on alert, bristling with modern weapons and packed with crack troops.

The exact number of troops on Quemoy is a secret but soldiers who have served here say there are about 50,000 — living and working in an elaborate complex of roads, tunnels and caves hollowed out from the mountains.

Huge loudspeakers boom news, music and propaganda across the water to China throughout the day.

Military officials still control every aspect of life for Quemoy's 40,000 civilian residents, enforcing an 11 pm curfew with heavily armed troops guarding the streets.

There are 88 street lights. Television sets can receive one military-

influenced station, radios were only recently permitted and newspapers and magazines are often censored, residents say.

Civilian residents need a special pass to go to Taiwan and another to return.

The head of the local government is appointed from Taipei.

Economic control is also complete. The Army buys most of the local agricultural produce and the few bars and shops depend on soldiers.

Until this month, the Quemoy economy was even more insulated with its own special currency.

"Here we really have one country, two systems," one resident said in an ironic reference to China's plan to keep Hong Kong capitalist when it resumes control of the British territory in 1997.

Most young Quemoy people leave the island to go to work on Taiwan but some of those who stay turn to the isolation to their advantage.

"We don't want the big capitalists from Taiwan coming here to disturb our economy," said a 30-year-old businessman who controls four bars and curio shops and whose brother has gone to Taiwan to open an underground futures trading company.

"We get along with the military and make some money, but not really big money," he said.

The big money could come soon, however, as government officials plan to open the island to tourism.

In contrast to the overcrowded, polluted streets of major cities on Taiwan, Quemoy is pristine.

The major non-military industries are all non-polluting — fishing, farming, distilling a fiery liquor out of sorghum, and painting pottery.

Teams of soldiers sweep every road clean daily.

## Sigur arrives in S.Korea to brief leaders on N.Korea visit

SEOUL, South Korea, Oct 29: Former US assistant secretary of State Gaston Sigur arrived today to brief South Korean leaders on his just-concluded trip to communist North Korea.

Sigur, now a professor at George Washington University in Washington, flew to Seoul by way of Beijing after visiting North Korea for one week, beginning Oct 21.

At Seoul's Kimpoo Airport, Sigur refused to discuss details of his trip to

North Korea, except to say he met in Pyongyang with Vice President Li Jong Ok, Foreign Minister Kim Yong Nam, and Ho Dam, North Korea's top expert on South Korean affairs.

He said he did not meet with North Korean Leader Kim Il Sung.

Sigur, who handled Asian and Pacific Affairs in the US State Department while former President Ronald Reagan was in office, visited Pyongyang as a private citizen, but said he would discuss his find-

ings there with advisers to US President George Bush.

During a five-day stay in Seoul, Sigur will meet with Foreign Minister Choi Ho-Joong, National Unification Minister Lee Hong-Koo and Park Chul-Un, state minister for political affairs.

The official North Korean news agency, monitored in Tokyo, said Sigur told a news conference in Pyongyang on Friday that his meetings with the North Korean leaders were carried out in a frank, candid

and constructive atmosphere, and that the discussions covered "a wide range of subjects including all matters of concern to both sides."

"As I said at the beginning, my exchange of views here has been very useful and I will do what I can to further exchange of this type in the future. Of course, it is important that there is continued movement in exchange of all kinds," the (North) Korea Central News Agency quoted Sigur as saying.

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# Peace protest, bomb scare

DUBLIN, Oct. 29 (AP): A United Catholic and Protestant stand against IRA bombing of the Belfast-Dublin rail link was upset by a bomb warning.

Roman Catholics and Protestants had joined in filing two "peace trains" earlier yesterday which went from Belfast, Northern Ireland, to Dublin in the Irish Republic and back without incident.

But when one of the trains set off again from Belfast it was halted before reaching the border by an anonymous telephone warning of a bomb on the line on the republic side.

Inspector Terence Brady of the republic's police, whose force received and relayed the warning, said they could not investigate until daylight.

The 70 people aboard, including Irish Republic legislators, decided to stay on the train through the night at Portadown, 25 miles (40 kilometres) south-west of Belfast and 87 miles (140 kilometres) north of Dublin.

The Irish Republican Army, which has disrupted service on the rail line more than 60 times in the past year with bombs and hoaxes, had promised to let the day pass peacefully.

"People right across the community are making a point and the point is this — that this railway link between north and south must be kept open. It is vital to our island," said Bishop Samuel Poyntz of the Protestant Church of Ireland, who saw the train riders off in Belfast.

"This is a message the IRA cannot refuse to hear, because it is coming from working and middle-class people, young and old, who are not going to allow communication in this island to be stopped," Roman Catholic Bishop Cahal Daly of Northern Ireland said as he saw the train riders off.

Dr Chris McGimpsey, secretary of the organisers and a member of the East Belfast Unionist Association, said hundreds of people had to be turned away because the trains were full. Seats were free, but tickets were needed.

"All we are doing is making a peaceful point," said McGimpsey, whose organisation supports British rule of Northern Ireland. "We just want the IRA to stop blowing up the line."

Press Association, the British domestic news agency, estimated 400 people rode each of the two trains.

On Friday, it quoted an IRA statement as saying the organisation would "resume occasional attacks when we see fit."

# 355 detained as Czechs protest

## Anniversary of independence

PRAGUE, Oct. 29 (AP): Police detained 355 people, including 17 foreigners, during a pro-democracy protest by more than 10,000 people marking the 71st anniversary of Czechoslovak independence.

Ten people were injured — three police officers and seven demonstrators — in the melee that ensued when hundreds of helmeted riot police swinging batons moved in on the peaceful crowd.

The official news agency CTK, giving the tally of those arrested and injured, said the foreigners came from 11 different countries. It did not identify any by either nationality or name.

Official media accused US-funded radio stations and Western media of encouraging the rally, the largest anti-government protest in 20 years.



A policeman 'knocked down' a young man during a demonstration in Prague Oct. 28. (Reuters wirephoto)

The peaceful rally began yesterday afternoon, when thousands of Czechoslovaks defied warnings from communist authorities to stay off the streets. They rallied in memory of the proclamation of Czechoslovak independence on Oct. 28, 1918.

Police moved in swiftly after the crowd started to chant demands for free elections and a new government. The helmeted riot squads beat up several people and made those detained stand spreadeagled against police vans before whisking them away in waiting buses.

"We want no violence," protesters chanted as they were penned in by riot police. "We've got bare hands," they shouted, raising their hands to show they were unarmed.

CTK said police used "mild means" to break up the rally after what it said was a core of only 3,000 protesters ignored police loudspeaker warnings to disperse.

State television broadcast pictures of western camera crews filming the rally, and a commentator suggested they were partly responsible for the demonstration.

CTK accused the US-funded radio stations Voice of America and Radio Free Europe of helping to organise the protest. Their broadcasts in Czech and Slovak can be widely heard in Czechoslovakia.

Protesters started gathering in mid-afternoon. Thousands of mostly young Czechoslovaks converged at the top of Wenceslas Square, chanting "Svobodu, Svobodu," which means freedom.

Earlier yesterday, government speakers landing discipline and socialist ideals held an official commemoration of the anniversary on the same square.

Later, wild applause rang out as some demonstrators unfurled banners testifying "truth will prevail" and "we will not let the republic be disrupted."

Whistles, jeers and chants of "gestapo" greeted riot police, who moved efficiently through the city centre to break up crowds into knots of hundreds or a few thousand at dozens of different intersections.

"Free elections," was a chant frequently heard as the crowds moved through the narrow, cobblestoned streets of ancient Prague.

One crowd gathered outside a hospital on the banks of the Vltava river where banned playwright Vaclav Havel, Czechoslovakia's most prominent dissident, has been undergoing treatment for a bronchial inflammation since being arrested and then hospitalised on Thursday.

Several other prominent dissidents were rounded up last week to stop them from attending yesterday's rally, where the crowd frequently chanted support for Havel.

Saturday's demonstration was broken up after two and half hours. It was the biggest show of popular defiance since 1969.

## Tensions high in Kosovo

### Protest against trial

TITOVA MITROVICA, Yugoslavia, Oct. 29 (AP): Ethnic Albanian miners protesting a major political trial remained barricaded in their pits today, fueling tensions in the troubled southern province of Kosovo.

The trial of Azem Vllasi, the region's popular former Communist Party chief, and 14 other ethnic Albanians, was scheduled to open tomorrow.

The case has sparked controversy across Yugoslavia and angered Kosovo's majority ethnic Albanians, who claim the Republic of Serbia is trying to curtail Albanian authority in the province it administers.

Miners began a sit-in Friday in the Trepcas lead-zinc mine, 220 kilometres (130 miles) south of Belgrade, to protest the trial and demand the release of the accused.



Public discussion  
Left: Communist Party chief of East Berlin Gunter Schabowski speaks to the crowd in front of the city hall in East Berlin during a public discussion between East German politicians and scientists and



thousands of East Germans calling for reforms. Right: Schabowski was not too convincing. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Berlin rallies demand reforms

EAST BERLIN, Oct. 29 (Reuters): Tens of thousands of East Germans demanded free speech, controls on the security police and an end to official privileges at public rallies organised by the communist authorities today.

Up to 20,000 people filled a square outside East Berlin's town hall and burst into applause when speaker after speaker called for the release of political prisoners and denounced police aggression against street demonstrations this month.

Thousands more flocked to another rally at the capital's congress hall and the official news agency ADN said about 800 people, including activists of the opposition group New Forum, attended a meeting in the southern city of Karl-Marx-Stadt.

East Berlin's police commander, Friedhelm Rausch, drew whistles and jeers when he told the crowd outside the town hall that order must prevail in the capital and the authorities had been justified in jailing some protesters.

The rallies underlined the authorities' commitment to a new style of rule after 40 years of hardline communism. They have promised to end curbs on foreign travel and have declared an amnesty for people who have tried to leave East Germany illegally.

Hundreds of thousands of people have demonstrated for democracy this month in all big cities. About 30,000 massed in the southern town of Plauen yesterday and thousands more marched in the Baltic port of Rostock.

East Berlin's Communist Party chief, Politburo member Gunter Schabowski, gave the first public indication that the relaxation of political controls was causing divisions in the party leadership.

"There are arguments in the leadership of the Communist Party," he told the open-air rally in the capital.

**New course**

The party embarked on its new course after ditching hardliner Erich Honecker as its leader on October 18 and replacing him with Egon Krenz.

Krenz, a former security chief, had little reputation as a reformer before he took office. But he has swiftly opened up the official media, held talks with the powerful pro-reform Protestant church and permitted street protests.

The party's policy-making central committee is to meet from November 8 to 10 and Western diplomats expect Krenz to try to persuade it to remove several ageing, unpopular leaders from the 18-man politburo.

Politburo member Harry Tisch, the leader of East Germany's official trade unions, told state television yesterday he would resign his post in the labour movement if its governing board passed a vote of no-confidence in him tomorrow.

The upheavals have been caused partly by the exodus to the West this year of more than 120,000 of East Germany's 16.6 million people, the largest number since the communists built the Berlin Wall in 1961.

East Germans were also angered by what they think was the falsification of local election results in May when the authorities claimed a 98 per cent turnout. Many hold Krenz directly responsible for the alleged fraud.

More than 1,400 East Germans have crossed to Austria via Hungary en route to West Germany since Friday, despite official promises at home of freer travel, officials said Sunday.

## Solidarity 'saved' Poland

GDANSK, Poland, Oct. 29 (AP): Solidarity leader Lech Walesa told supporters today that painful price hikes were part of Poland's fight for economic reforms, and urged them to start remaking the country through work and enterprise.

"Everything depends on you more than at any time in the last 45 years," the Solidarity leader told a crowd of about 1,500.

The Solidarity-led government is taking steps to end the state's grip on the economy and introduce a free enterprise system. That switchover, however, has set off skyrocketing price hikes.

"Poland is open and ready for reforms," said Walesa, answering questions as he often does on Sunday after mass at St. Brygida's church in his home city of Gdansk. "Poland will be like you make it yourselves, or others will come and do it for you."

Warsaw honours Stalin victims

WARSAW, Oct. 29 (AP): More than 2,000 people led by Cardinal Jozef Glemp prayed last night at a funeral mass for thousands of prisoners secretly executed during the Stalinist era and buried in unmarked graves.

It was believed to be the first public funeral for the still unknown number of people executed more than 40 years ago in the early years of the communist takeover.

The crimes long were cloaked in silence, with families fearful to even speak of victims. But the changed atmosphere was underscored at yesterday's ceremony by the presence of two ministers from the new Solidarity-led government and Sen. Andrzej Stelmachowski, speaker of the freely elected Senate.

Widows and children of victims also were there, along with prisoners who survived. No Communist Party officials were evident.

Solidarity formed a government in August under Prime Minister Tadeusz Mazowiecki. In doing so, Walesa said, "I would like to tell you that we have saved Poland from civil war."

But he warned without any further elaboration: "It cannot be ruled out that we will still have to fight. Nothing has been played out here to the end."

He took note of criticism levelled at Solidarity, which in 1980 had fought for higher wages and lower prices. Now, he said, "we are 10 years older" and the situation has changed.

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# Plan to raise age of retirement: Humaidhi

PESS investments KD1,400 million

TO redress the problem of public servants retiring prematurely, the Public Establishment for Social Security is studying a draft law. Hamad Al Humaidhi, deputy director general of the establishment said.

The present law of social securities does not determine the minimum age of retirement, but only stipulates the period of service. The draft law has taken cognisance of this fact and will determine the age of retirement which is envisaged at 55 years. According to the draft law, citizens will not be allowed to retire prior to this age.

The draft law is intended to be applicable to both male and female employees and is aimed at increasing national manpower, utilising employees acquired expertise, addressing the Kuwaitisation process and solving economic and social problems that are caused by early retirement.

**Capabilities**  
Speaking on the organisational capabilities of the establishment, the official said that it has a special administration to undertake investment projects. Total funds of the establishment — invested in Kuwait and abroad amount to KD1,400 million, in addition to several real estates and about 17 investment portfolios most of which are in bonds originating in Japan, USA and Europe. The diversification of the investment portfolio is intended to provide maximum security and achieve reasonable returns, Humaidhi said.

Humaidhi pointed out that about 47,000 retired employees sold a part of their emoluments against cash in advance. This system is considered a kind of social solidarity the official said and added that if a retired man dies in an accident after selling a part of his payment the establishment would lose the money given to him because it would make full payment to his family.

In this case the families of dead people will benefit from this social service. He added that the establishment is now studying a project, to allow retired

employees to sell a part of their dues on agreeing to deduct the sum from their payments for a limited period of 7 to 10 years only.

Present regulation stipulate that deductions will be made throughout the life-period of the employee who has availed of this advance loan facility.

**Deficit**  
He pointed out that the establishment suffers from a slight deficit in its funds. The establishment deals with the social securities department of the International Labour Organisation which has experts who make regular inspections on the financial positions of the member establishments, every three years.

He added that funds of the establishment registered a slight surplus in 1980 and another slight surplus in 1983 but last inspection in 1986 marked a slight deficit.

The ILO has now warned of the phenomena of early retirement in Kuwait and has advised that a certain age for retirement must be determined. The finance subjected to this system is a good one because five per cent of the employee's payment is taken, 10 per cent from his employer and 10 per cent from the public treasury. This is considered a commendable level of finance and can face requirements of the system, he said.

Commenting on a study to allow non-Kuwaitis to contribute in the local social system, Humaidhi said that there was such a study, but presently, this has been held in abeyance. He disclosed, that we have no plan to allow non-Kuwaitis to participate in social securities. He added that GCC states will study a guiding system to unify the social securities systems available in some GCC states. But he added that Qatar, Oman and Bahrain have no social securities systems. There are about 52,000 families benefitting from the social security system in Kuwait. He denied any trend to pay a children allowance to retired employees who beget new children after retirement or to increase the child allowances.

# Budhiraja poised for challenge in Kuwait

More government exchanges envisaged

By Jadranka Porter  
Arab Times staff



New Indian ambassador Arun Budhiraja.

DESPITE the traditionally sound and strong Kuwaiti-Indian ties the newly arrived Indian ambassador A.K. Budhiraja is poised for one of the most challenging stints in his decades-long diplomatic career.

The relations between the two countries, whose trading links go back to the ancient times of the Indus Valley civilisation, are so good that complacency has set in.

"We have never had a conflict of interest. But our relations have reached a plateau. How to lift them is what I have to figure out" he said.

A look at trade figures provides some clues. The total value of trade between the two countries amounts to \$500 million a year. With India being an oil importer the trade is lopsided in favour of Kuwait. India imports some \$400 million worth of oil, 1.2 million metric tons of superior kerosene oil, 1.5 million tons of crude and 300,000 tons of jet fuel. Its exports to Kuwait of jewellery, foodstuffs, rice, spices, ready-made garments and textiles amount to only \$100 million.

To redress the balance of trade Budhiraja will turn to Indian companies which he feels are not taking full advantage of Kuwait's open market.

"The effort has to be made on our side. Kuwait has no restrictions on trade, the market is open to those who are ready to compete" he said.

He cites Indian high fashion, food products and electronics as areas of untapped potential. Indian electronics face intense competition from Far Eastern manufacturers but India has already launched kitchen appliances in Kuwait and with more aggressive marketing can capture a larger share of the market, Budhiraja said.

But the envoy would also like to see India export some of its expertise particularly in the oil industry.

Closer co-operation in trade

and industry could benefit from greater exchange of government delegations which are now few and far between, he contends.

"There are 16 flights a week between Kuwait and India but this traffic does not reflect the exchange on government level" he said.

More visits from Kuwaiti officials will also help Kuwaitis identify investment projects in India.

New Delhi's long-standing foreign investment policy specifies that foreign money must be accompanied with the transfer of technology. Several years ago India dropped this condition to accommodate investments from oil-rich countries.

## Over 2,000 delinquency cases every year: Saad

THE director of the juvenile delinquents department at the Interior Ministry Lt Colonel Mohammed Al Saad has said that his department receives more than 2,000 delinquency cases a year. He added that an average of 2750 juvenile delinquents are accused in these cases every year. He added that 93 per cent of them are males and only seven per cent are females.

Saad pointed out that according to the law children under seven years old should not be interrogated or punished for any crime they commit. Children between seven and 15 years old who commit crimes cannot be imprisoned or fined but they can be rebuked by a judge, subjected to the judicial test or sent to the juvenile delinquents welfare home.

He added that 27 per cent of juvenile delinquents are between seven and 15 while 72 per cent are between 15 and 18 years old. Delinquents between 15 and 18 years old can be imprisoned or fined if caught committing crimes.

**Traffic**  
Saad pointed out that traffic accidents occupy the first position in cases reported against juveniles. These cases include driving without a licence and causing traffic accidents. More than 900 cases are reported every year which mark 45 per cent of cases of juvenile delinquents in Kuwait.

The juveniles accused in these cases form about 34 per cent of total juvenile delinquents. Fighting, murder, kidnapping by force, and suicide-attempts come in the second position. These number more than 450 cases a year (23 per cent of total cases) and about 800 juveniles are accused in these on an average (28 per cent of total defendants). The so called money crimes as thefts, fraud and entering into houses to commit crimes come in the third position and reach about 400 cases a year (15 per cent of total cases) and about 700 juvenile delinquents are accused in these crimes (26 per cent of total defendants).

**Narcotics**  
In the 5th position comes the crimes of liquor and narcotics. The department receives about 12 of these cases a year. This refutes claims that narcotics is common among pupils of schools, he said. He added that his department reports an average of only five cases of carrying weapons without a licence annually and nine cases of forgery. He added that most crimes committed by female delinquents are theft, fighting and harassing others by telephone.

He added that the department rebukes juveniles who are delinquent and tries to guide and correct their behaviour.

But if it is found that they cannot be reformed then they are sent to the welfare houses of Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour.

Some of these juveniles are referred to the Psychiatric Hospital for treatment.

He added that some non-Kuwaiti juvenile delinquents are deported from the country when they commit a large number of crimes. But he added that the authority of deportation is used in very limited cases when it becomes impossible to reform or treat a delinquent.

## GCC-defence

RIYADH, Oct 29, (Kuna): Defence ministers of the six-member Gulf Co-operation Council states will hold their 8th meeting in Riyadh Nov 1-2.

The ministers will discuss co-operation and co-ordination plans in the military and defensive fields and recommendations taken by GCC chiefs of staff meeting held recently in the Saudi capital.

# Legal Clinic

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I CAME to Kuwait with visa No. 18 in Sept 1989 for the second time. My visa states my job as a driver in a private company. I had the Kuwaiti driving licence made in '87, with my first sponsor. When I proceeded for duty to my sponsor at his office, he sent me to work at his residence as a house driver, from 6am to 10 pm. For a month he has not given me any holiday. Above all he says he will pay me only KD35 per month, only after three months.

I find it very difficult to work long hours with no holidays for such a low wage. I wish to work for another sponsor. I wish also to be sent back to India as soon as possible.

I want your advice, I do not have any written contract. I want to get things cleared, so whom should I contact as my visa shows I am a driver for a company.

**Richard Nurnaj**  
If you want to resign, you can send a letter to your sponsor who stamped your visa, saying you want to resign. But first you must discuss the matter with him about the dues such as air ticket and other expenses. When you entered Kuwait on visa No. 18, that meant you have been brought here on a contract. For breaking the contract, compensation has to be paid by the person who broke the contract.

You can approach the Ministry of Social Affairs and explain the matter to them.

I ENTERED Kuwait on Sept 23, 1983, on a domestic visa. As I was educated my sponsor gave me permission to work in an office. So I started working as a secretary since Feb 1984, in a construction company.

This company gave me a work permit in April, 1984 as they could not transfer my resident visa No. 18.

Once they gave me a visa, they started delaying my salary and my salary has not been paid for five months. It is very difficult and I have a family. I lodged a complaint at the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour, regarding my money and a release. The release was filed at the Palace of Justice and the money at the Farwaniya Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour.

I filed a case on March 5, 1989 before the new labour law came into effect. The money matter case was then transferred to the court.

I found a good job in April, 1989, and the new company gave me the residence take over form and this form I submitted to the court.

I appointed a lawyer because being a woman I could not go all the time.

My verdict day was last month for release, but my papers were rejected and again my lawyer appeared but last week the release was rejected.

My lawyer was told by the judge that I could go to the Ministry of Social Affairs and ask them for transfer of residence, but I really do not know how to approach them.

I am ready to discuss the matter with you, provided you bring all the documents concerning the court's decision.

I AM sponsored upon payment of KD300, for two years to work anywhere in Kuwait. This is going on since more than five years. The sponsor totally ignores me in rendering other services which he is supposed to perform for example getting an ID, etc.

The sponsor is only concerned with the payment of KD300 every two years and the remaining formalities he leaves it up to me to perform which is totally impossible without relevant documents and without his presence.

I am aware of the prevailing law that this is illegal, but in order to live in a foreign country I am obligated to remain in this manner with the fear and tension and all my movements are curtailed.

In other words I am under house arrest without any fault of mine. The only access and/or approach to the sponsor I can make is by telephone or by going to his residence which is very far from where I stay.

Over the telephone I receive polite language and enormous difficulty. He is most of the time not available and luckily if I meet him, he postpones the matter to another date which never approaches or he comes with lame excuses.

In view of these circumstances please give me your advice as to what should be done.

**F.A.**  
ARTICLE 24 law No. 41/1987, and amended articles of law No. 17/1959 states the following:

The punishment of any one who facilitates or helps an expatriate obtain a visit or residence permit against an amount of money or any other benefit or those who accept any promise to that effect will be imprisoned for a term not exceeding three years and penalty not more than KD3,000/00 or by either of the said two punishments which shall be cumulative if the crime is re-committed. This article provides that any one who receives such permit against an amount of money or any other benefit or accepts a promise to do so, shall be liable to an imprisonment for a period not exceeding one year and a penalty not more than KD100/00 or by either of the said two penalties provided that such punishment may not prejudice any severe punishment imposed by another law.

My advice to you is to find another job and change your current visa to another sponsor. It is very dangerous if the authorities discover this, both you and your current sponsor will face problems.

**MY HUSBAND** and children left for India for good in 1986. But my children still hold residence permits till 1991. I am working in the government sector with a salary of KD400. I would like to bring my children here during the summer holiday. Is the present residence permit valid to bring my

children to Kuwait. If not, how can I bring my children here during the vacation.

**Ammanu John**  
Any residence permit will be cancelled if the person overstays outside Kuwait for more than six months. Your children can come on a visit visa and not on their residence permit which is cancelled, because they overstayed outside Kuwait for more than six months. You can approach the Immigration Department and apply for visit visas for them. The concerned department reserves the right to accept or refuse the application of visit visas.

I AM working in one of the ministries here which is far from my house. I have a two wheeler licence of Kuwait. Also I have an Indian licence attested from the Indian embassy and Foreign Ministry of Kuwait. How can I get a drivers licence of Kuwait. What documents are required?

**M.R. Qutlandi**  
I answered this questions many times and it has appeared in the Arab Times. It is better for you to approach the Traffic Department at Shuwaikha area and they will provide you with the correct answer.

I AM working in a private company for more than ten years. Now I am entitled for service indemnity as per Kuwait Labour Law article 45(B): "Fifteen days wage for every year" In this it is not clear whether these fifteen days are working or calendar days calculation, of the first five years indemnity. For example if my monthly salary is KD100 then do I have to calculate as KD100x15 days divide by 26 or KD 100x15 days divide by 30, which is correct?

**TM**  
It would be calculated as KD 100 x 15 days divide by 26.

**MY WIFE** who is visa No. 20, went to India for holiday. If she stays more than six months, does her visa expire? What are the rules, if she gets a new visa No. 18 during that period i.e. after six months, what will be the procedure to enter Kuwait?

**P.K. Thomas**  
If she stays more than six months her visa is automatically cancelled. She can enter Kuwait with a visit visa if she did not get her visa No. 18. But if she got her visa No. 18, she can enter Kuwait with that visa and then she has to go to the Immigration Department to cancel her visa No. 20 to avoid duplication of visas on her passport.

I WANT to know the rules in case the lessor's dies and his family is still occupying the premises.

**H. Kumar**  
ACCORDING to Article No. 22 of the Rent Law No. 35/1978, the lease shall not expire in the event of the lessor's or lessee's death. Nevertheless, in case of the lessee's death, his heirs may demand termination of the rent contract.



US Ambassador Nathaniel Howell receiving guests at the launching of the 'Yum Yum America' festival. Extreme right is Pitamber Devgon director of the US Agricultural Trade Office.

## Yum Yum America launched

US exports to Kuwait \$36-40m annually

THE United States and Kuwait continue to share a number of values and experiences including the longstanding commitment to private enterprise and commercial exchanges. Both of our countries are strong trading nations and we depend on the interchange of goods and ideas to generate growth and development and to sustain the well-being of our peoples. US Ambassador to Kuwait Nathaniel Howell said at the launching of the "Yum Yum America" food festival.

It is a great pleasure for me to once again reaffirm the strong ties and mutually beneficial trading aspect of our friendly and productive bilateral relationship, he said.

Agriculture and agricultural products are, of course, important sectors in the economies of both the United States and Kuwait. The United States has long been acknowledged as the world's greatest producer and exporter of agricultural products and foodstuffs. But, Kuwait also has committed itself, under the

leadership of His Highness, the Amir, Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed Al Sabah, to the development of its domestic capabilities and has made significant strides in several product areas, most notably poultry, dairy, date palms and vegetables. Work is already in progress for the greening of vast areas of Kuwait, the envoy said.

"Kuwait at the same time, remains an important and valued market for a variety of food products, such as those featured in the Yum Yum America food festival. American exporters and marketers of foodstuffs, among others, have benefited from the opportunities here in Kuwait, where they have found a stable and valued trading partner.

"The long and continuing commercial relationship in the agricultural area is a source of satisfaction to us and we are committed to its consolidation and expansion." "The Agricultural Trade Office of the embassy is fully prepared to assist firms in both Kuwait and the United

States to broaden and enhance trade contacts and co-operation, Howell said.

He further added this event is the product of the active and able collaboration of the co-operatives, the supermarkets and the American companies and their Kuwaiti associates. It symbolises the mutual benefit of such commercial exchanges.

Pitamber Devgon who directs the Agricultural Trade Office, in Kuwait said. It was very gratifying to see the upward movement in the agricultural trade between the United States and Kuwait. The relations have continued to strengthen and offer strong evidence of further improvement and strength.

Equally satisfying is the fact that there is great awareness now on part of the food trade about the wide range and variety of US products. The value of US exports (on FOB basis) to Kuwait have ranged between \$36 - 40 million annually.

The principal food items exported from the United States to Kuwait are: Fresh fruits and vegetables, along with canned fruits, vegetables and juices, corn and other vegetable oils, corn for livestock feeding, quality beef and poultry products and long grain American rice.

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The 1990 IKEA catalogue is available from the company's showroom in Shuwaikh. However, if you want a free copy you should visit IKEA soon. From November 1st, after the initial distribution is over IKEA will start selling its catalogue for KD 0.400.

Why this change in policy? Mr Lundgren answered for us: "It is with reluctance that we have finally decided to sell the catalogue; we have, however, no alter-



native. On the one hand, the production cost of the catalogue have been steadily rising, year after year. If one considers that we purchase annually no less than 150,000 copies one will realize that the cost have reached the point where they cannot be considered a reasonable "handout" budget anymore.

On the other hand, I regret to say there are still people who do not seem to understand that for the past five years we have been absorbing these mounting costs and giving out catalogues free. Every time they come to the showroom they take a new free catalogue. This is sad, and also unfair to other visitors who cannot shop conveniently because there might be no catalogue available for them.

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# Kuwait-Saudi relations cannot be undermined

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tion and at an opportune moment, vent their spleen. Their directives are indeed very adverse and we have come to hear their cries intended to destroy and destroy — this in no way affects us, King Fahd said.

Asked to comment on the present important stage, after the end of the Gulf war, the King said: "The Gulf states enjoy unequivocal social relations. In my opinion, their interactions and links are natural and not a result of cooked-up agreements. The relations between the people of the region have preceded the agreements and these agreements were designed only to regulate certain issues."

Talking on this issue, Fahd cited the example of the relations between Kuwait and Saudi Arabia and queried if Saudi Arabia could forget the stance taken by Mubarak Al Sabah (late Amir of Kuwait) when Imam Abdul Rahman Al Faisal went to him for refuge after he did not find any place.

He went on: "We very vividly remember Mubarak Al Sabah asking his guests to shake hands and greet 'His brother Abdul Rahman Al Faisal'. This stance will not be forgotten by Saudi Arabia."

On issues closer to home, Fahd commented on the execution of the men convicted of undertaking sabotage activities at the Grand Mosque and the much talked about ramifications. He said that at the outset, he would like to assure all that the sharia (Islamic) judiciary system in Saudi Arabia is totally independent and the executive authority has no influence on its judgements.

This judiciary has its rulings emanating from Islam and the teachings of Allah. He added: "I would like to firmly affirm that when those accused were arrested, my orders were identical to those I used to issue when I was the Minister of Interior."

"God knows — we even supplied them with Kuwaiti newspapers. They were given every right and due process of law. Unfortunately, the crime was too big. They harmed the House of God (the Grand Mosque) and the Muslim pilgrims. They murdered innocent people. These innocent pilgrims believed that they were in a pure and secure place and in the hospitality of Allah. The innocent were acquitted and the guilty received the judgement of Islam."

Replying to the question as to why the judicial process took so long, King Fahd said that the sharia (Islamic) judiciary is different from man-made laws and these types of crimes have to pass through three stages of courts. Judges usually insist on meeting with the accused and face to face to hear their testimony.

The King said that all the accused confessed in the courts to their crimes. One accused, initially denied that he had committed any crime, but subsequently told the high court that he wanted to be punished in this life to avoid punishment in the after life. The accused also said that he regretted his behaviour which caused harm to his country where he was brought up.

Continuing, the King said, "It is well-known that the accused are Kuwaitis, although they claimed during interrogations that they are of Iranian, Saudi, Qatari and Kuwaiti origins. As they carried the nationality of Kuwait and as it is a civilised country, Kuwait's wise political leadership had to inquire about the issue."

Asked to give his viewpoint on his sensitive issue and the resulting tales, the King said that Kuwait's Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister, Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed arrived in the kingdom, carrying a message from HH the Amir, Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed. He was received at the airport by the Saudi Second Deputy Premier and Defence Minister, Prince Sultan Bin Abdul Aziz.

"On this occasion, I was out of

Jeddah. Still, a helicopter was placed at his disposal, should he desire to meet with me. But, he declined as he did not wish to disrupt my short leave which came after haj and handed over the message to Prince Sultan. Naturally, it is the right of Sheikh Jaber to enquire — particularly as the accused are Kuwaiti citizens."

On the vital issue of the cordial relations between Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, the King said that he would like once again to reiterate that the noble stand of Kuwait in the past cannot be ever forgotten.

Replying to accusations that he had refused to permit mediation of some Islamic countries who had offered their services in relation to the group of Kuwaitis who were accused and punished, the King talking about the background said that when the declaration of the court decision took some time, several letters were received from Saudi Arabia and abroad. All these letters stressed that the incident did not concern the Saudi security alone. It concerned all Muslims as Makkah is the holy place for Muslim haj.

"However, the sharia (Islamic) judiciary heard the confessions of the accused who said that they were pleased when they learned that the explosion succeeded. They said that after the success of their operations, they went and celebrated the killings and injuries to several pilgrims. But, I disclose that there were some limited contacts."

"However, it is difficult to take matters completely in issues as vital as these, as it may encourage others to repeat these acts. We do not want the security of the Grand Mosque to be harmed and we do not want anyone to plan to shake off the security of the country. It is the security of Makkah and the security of the pilgrims, the guests of Allah. The accused were given an absolutely fair trial and the guilty punished and the innocent set free. Regardless of who the perpetrators are, King Fahd said: "The crime is monstrous. We deal with the crime according to its size irrespective of who had done it. Those must be duly punished. This crime in our opinion is in its size and effect and not who done it. We stick in this matter to Islamic sharia and rules."

He added that there are people who continually strive to bring up imaginary issues which are in part of the crisis I have previously spoken out. We hear these at the borders of the Arab peninsula and the Gulf.

He commented that if a Saudi citizen had done harm to the security of Kuwait, we would be the first to support any action taken by Kuwaiti laws.

"This is natural and does not need re-emphasising. The point that needs to be re-emphasised is that Saudi-Kuwaiti relations cannot be affected by the storms of those who think that blowing up issues may affect the strong and historical relations between Kuwait and Saudi Arabia. We are aware that between Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, there are open borders of passions and affection."

Asked to elucidate on the Gulf co-operation as being fruitful and that the relations between the peoples of the region will be further strengthened, King Fahd said that he would like to record that this Gulf Cooperation Council, which has become a model for other groups is a very important historical fact and we are all indebted to the Amir for his initiative in establishing it.

Continuing, he said that during the Arab summit in Amman 10 years ago, "we were the leaders of the six states sitting together at the hotel. Then Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed spoke, saying that he had an idea and if it is accepted, let us improve upon it. Thus did he propose the establishment of a group for six

states. The concept won the acclamation of all and later this GCC came into existence. That idea has reflected the wisdom and true thinking of Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed. He is a true leader indeed," Sheikh Fahd commented.

He added that the achievements of the GCC states are very important. The council has overcome many delicate issues that needed flexibility. Undoubtedly, there were some external forces wishing to see the GCC unsuccessful. "Their plots were quite ingenious, but we successfully overcame them and speeded up the dynamism of the Gulf co-operation. When the Gulf war intensified, our people felt that the GCC was for them and for defending their countries' independence and stability."

"During those difficult days, the GCC was a pride, greatly felt by the people of the region. In spite of all those positive achievements, the GCC people's interests must be strengthened. I always stress the feeling of joint interests among peoples is stronger than written agreements. Linking economic interests of the GCC is the true reflection of the better achievements. If the interests scattered in the whole GCC states become joint interests, its performance, organisation and returns would certainly be better and would create the real link to attract the feeling of the people towards their gathering."

"The establishment of joint industrial ventures in unified markets, would result in better performances. The opportunity of co-operation between the GCC states are not limited, particularly when they enjoy large resources. The increase in the prosperity wheel through this organisation, is the true security. People after this, will devote their time in development and growth. They will have no time to waste by looking towards conspiracies."

Shifting his attention to the financial situation in the kingdom, the King said that the government has as yet not sought any loans from any country, but has made maximum use of the local monetary liquidity, in safe investments. The value of the Saudi industrial exports is in excess of SR 10 billion. The period of economic recession due to the fall in oil prices and under-production have passed and the economy is now looking up as political tensions in the region have diminished, the private sector is increasing its investment activities at home and domestic trading level is improving vigorously. These are all positive indications.

The King added that now the national economic infrastructure has been completed and fortified, the private sector must utilise the business opportunities. If this materialises, it is quite possible to step up exports in the next five years to SR 40 billion. I say this, the King said, because Saudi Arabia's various national factories have won the consumers' trust due to its high quality and moderate prices.

In concluding the interview, King Fahd said that the forthcoming GCC summit in Muscat is indeed special as it is being held at a time when the efforts towards interlinking the interests of people in the areas are receiving the whole hearted support of all leaders in the region.

Asked to clarify on the postponement of his visit to the US due to several rumours claiming that it was due to ill-health and others stating that it had to do with the current tense US-Saudi relations, the King said that the visit was postponed due to the Lebanese issue which had turned from an Arab and Middle East issue into a world issue. I had postponed my visit to the US on two previous occasions to follow the Lebanese issue, the concern of which was not limited to the tripartite Arab committee.

## Cabinet briefed on General Assembly debate

### Pertinent issues reviewed

KUWAIT, Oct. 29. (Kuna): Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed today reported to the government on reconciliatory talks between Bulgaria and Turkey to be held in Kuwait tomorrow (Oct. 30).

The cabinet meeting expressed hope that talks would mark the beginning of constructive dialogue between the two neighbouring countries to settle their dispute over the Turkish Muslim minority in

Bulgaria. State Minister for Cabinet Affairs Rashed Al Rashed said after the ordinary cabinet session.

Turkish Foreign Minister Mesut Yilmaz and Bulgarian Deputy Premier Georgi Yurdanov are due to meet here tomorrow for official talks proposed by Kuwait, the current chairman of the Organisation of Islamic Conference.

The cabinet, meeting under His Highness the Crown Prince and Prime Minister

Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah, was also briefed by Sheikh Sabah on the debate of the UN General Assembly and Kuwait's address to the world body, Rashed said.

Sheikh Sabah reported on his meeting with UN chief Javier Perez de Cuellar and the extraordinary meeting of foreign ministers of Islamic countries held on the periphery of the UN parity.

Defence Minister Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed reported to the cabinet meeting on

his recent visit to Iraq and the message he conveyed from HH the Amir to Iraqi President Saddam Hussein.

Trade and Industry Minister Faisal Abdul Razzaq Al Khaled also spoke of two industrial conferences he attended in Tunis earlier in the month, while Communications Minister Abdulla Al Sharhan briefed the session of his visit to West Germany where he had co-operation talks with telecommunications officials.

### Heart transplant

## Kuwait to introduce surgery: Shuhaiber

THE head of Heart Surgery Unit at the Chest Diseases Hospital Dr Hami Shuhaiber has said that heart transplant surgery will be made available in Kuwait shortly. He added that there are patients who are put on the waiting list for heart transplants. The chances of success of these surgeries in Kuwait are good and will be as successful as kidney transplants, Shuhaiber said. Such surgeries will be vital and necessary for Kuwait and will reduce numbers of citizens who leave Kuwait to have heart transplant surgeries, he said.

Shuhaiber pointed out that Kuwait is in urgent need to have more heart surgery units. Presently, there is only one unit which is not sufficient and opening two more units will be necessary to meet the demand for heart surgeries.

He added that specialised teams at the Chest Diseases Hospital performed about 2000 open heart surgeries during the last 8 years. An average of 50 to 60 surgeries to join veins with arteries annually. With a success rate of 95 per cent have also been undertaken. About 120 arteries transplant, 100 heart valve surgeries and 80 transplants of heart-batteries as well as 50 open heart surgeries for hereditary diseases are also done in Kuwait annually. He said that walking as a sport alone cannot prevent heart attacks or clots.

## No change, says UK ambassador

KUWAIT, Oct. 29. (Kuna): British Ambassador to Kuwait Peter Hinchcliffe said today the resignation of the Exchequer Chancellor Nigel Lawson will not change the state and and foreign economic policy toward his country.

In a statement to a Kuwaiti daily, the ambassador said the resignation of the exchequer was due to the argument between him and the special advisor for the prime minister Allan Walters on British economic policy.

On another subject, the ambassador added that delaying the visit of the Minister of the State for Health David Miller to Kuwait set for yesterday, was due to unfinished discussions in the British Parliament last Wednesday about a resolution on children's health in Britain.

Miller will visit Kuwait next January.



Diwali reception

The Ambassador of India A.K. Budhiraja last night receiving a bouquet from one of the guests as Mrs. Budhiraja (right) looks on.

### GCC summit

## Preparatory meeting Nov 6

BAHRAIN, Oct. 29. (Reuter): Gulf Arab ministers will meet in Muscat on November 6 to prepare the agenda for a summit of the Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) due to be held there in December, the Bahrain-based Gulf News Agency (GNA) said today.

Foreign ministers from the GCC states — Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and

the United Arab Emirates — have already approached the UN Security Council to intervene in order to reach a permanent peace in the region, the agency said.

Peace talks between Iran and Iraq have made little progress since a UN-sponsored ceasefire in August 1988 ended fighting in their eight-year-old war.

GNA said the foreign ministers would also discuss efforts

by GCC ministerial committees to promote co-operation within the economic and political alliance.

GCC finance ministers held talks in Riyadh earlier this month on unifying import duties and increasing regional trade.

Interior ministers from the group are due to meet in the Saudi capital on Tuesday.

## Arabisation of medical studies to be discussed

IN a press conference held on the occasion of the Silver Jubilee of the Kuwait Medical Society, the head of the society, Dr Abdullah Al Rashed praised the support received by the society from HH the Amir on the occasion of the society's Silver Jubilee and its Eighth Medical Conference scheduled to be held from Nov 6-9, 1989.

He added that the society's board of directors formed several committees for the conference. A number of Arab and foreign professors were invited to attend the conference.

Rashed stated that the conference will include a number of symposiums on the Arabisation of medicine studies and the uncivilised practices of Zionism against Arabs in Palestine. It will also include issues on the behaviour of the medical profession, organ transplants in addition to mental illnesses of children.

Dr Bader Hamada, the silver jubilee committee secretary indicated that 120 doctors will be honoured during the conference for their efforts in the medical field.

The conference will discuss 155 research papers and will include seventeen lectures and eight scientific sessions.

Hamada added that Kuwait Medical Society will after the conference work upon the implementation of the law with regards to post graduate studies and medical defence.

## Parking lots Citizens complain of slack service

By Ali Al Masoodi

THIS number of complaints on car parking lots has increased these days particularly after the return of students and employees from their summer vacations. A number of employees stated that one of the big problems they face is to find a parking spot when going to work in the morning.

Interviewed a number of residents who explained their dissatisfaction with regards to this issue. They indicated that parking lots are not enough. Most of the complaints came with regards to parking in the Municipality Garden, the Justice Palace and the First Police Station. They pointed out that small shacks installed at parking lots made matters more complicated.

A parking lot behind the Municipality Garden has a small area. These shacks were put there to organise and receive parking fees from employees. One of the shacks was empty of employees and cars were not permitted to enter through it. One of the taxi drivers tried to enter through one of the two shacks which were opened, but couldn't because the partition did not rise. The taxi driver was then forced to blow his horn to attract the attention of employees sitting inside these shacks but, there was no reply. The driver remained in the same position and cars behind were lined up waiting for entry.

Seayash approached the place to interview one of the car drivers who stood in line. Naser Al Rashedi stated that car parking fees don't provide good services adding that on many occasions he was late to work because of the same problem. He said that services presented by the shacks are not effective in organising traffic flow through the parking lot. He indicated that the contracting company should repair such breakdowns to avoid traffic accidents.

Regarding parking fees, he added that they are symbolic stressing the fact that fees should be collected to improve drivers services. However, he said that due to the small area, most lots are small compared to the size of automobiles.

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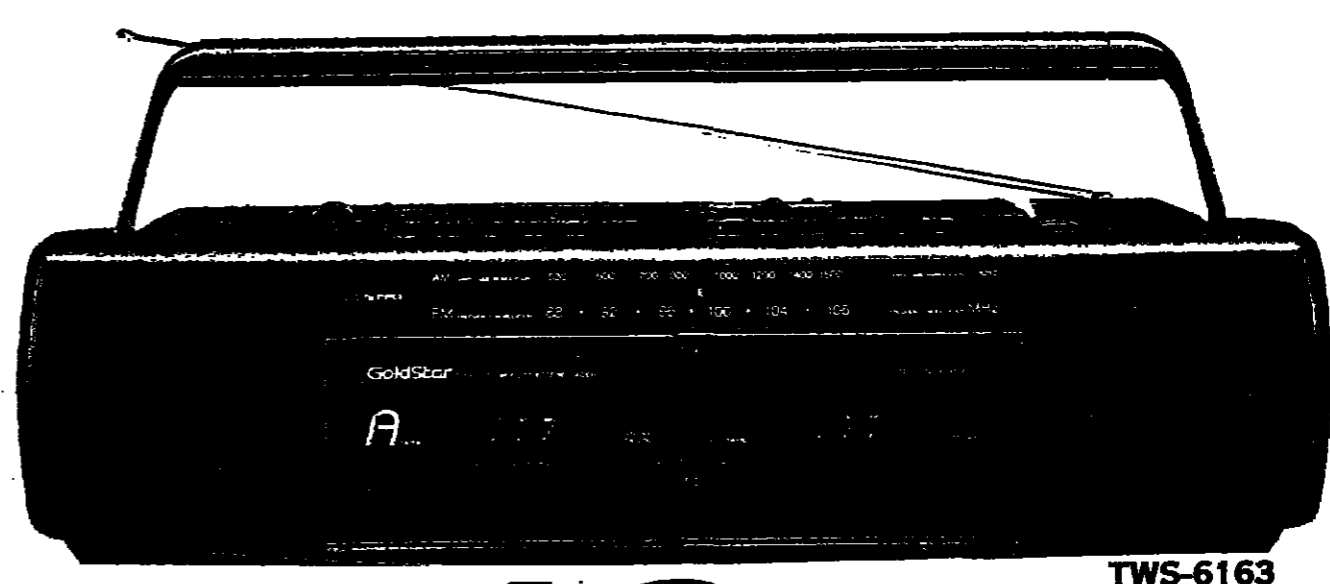
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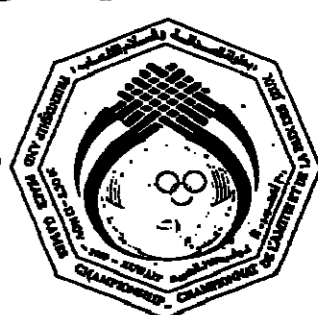


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## Thought for today

THE most difficult thing in life is to know yourself —  
Thales, Greek philosopher (about 640 BC-546 BC).

## Bitter debate over plutonium transport

THE Japanese government is embroiled in a bitter debate over how to safeguard shipments of plutonium against terrorist attacks in a top-secret operation to transport tons of the nuclear fuel from Europe.

The government has more or less decided to use freighters, escorted by a large coast guard cutter, to bring reprocessed plutonium from plants in France and Britain.

The first shipment is to arrive in 1992, officials of the Science and Technology Agency said. The volume is expected to reach 45 tons.

Plutonium can be readily used in nuclear warheads, unlike low-level enriched uranium, which Japan imports from the United States and uses in nuclear power plants. The lower-level spent fuel can be reprocessed as plutonium.

Officials in the United States and Japan worry that terrorist groups might try to hijack the freighter on the high seas and sell the plutonium to countries hungry for nuclear weapons, such as Libya, Syria and Iraq.

"The timing and routing of the plutonium will, of course, be top secret," said Akio Yoneda, head of the agency's nuclear fuel desk.

Transport Minister Takami Eto told parliament last week the government was discussing plans to build a super cutter for the Maritime Safety Agency, Japan's coast guard, just for this purpose.

It would be a vessel with at least 7,000 tons displacement equipped with modern weapons and capable of steamming 17,000 miles without refuelling, Eto said.

Hardliners in the ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) say the government should use navy destroyers, rather than waste money on an expensive coast as much as 20 billion yen (\$140 million), said Shioichi Watanabe, chairman of the LDP's Defence Policy Committee.

"What's wrong with sending our destroyers?" Watanabe said.

Watanabe's committee supports the defence agency, which was reported to be fighting its case with the Transport Ministry, which is responsible for the Maritime Safety Agency coast guard.

The row between the military and the Transport Ministry focuses on postwar tradition and a legal bar on the government sending Japan's armed forces abroad, although there is talk of changing that.

Defence agency director-general Juro Matsumoto told parliament the government may alter the Self-Defence Act to enable the armed forces to take in United Nations peace-keeping activities and in other "protective" missions.

Matsumoto's comments brought immediate reaction from Japan's Asian neighbours. A South Korean daily called it a "flare marking an attempt to revive the new Japanese Army."

Japan's growing navy, which now counts four ocean-going fleets, missed such a chance during the Gulf crisis when there was talk in government circles of sending minesweepers into the region, only to be stalled by fierce opposition from anti-military leftist parties.

(Tokyo — Reuters).

## RMC is a rallying cry

## Plight of other ANC prisoners in shadow

WHILE "Release Nelson Mandela" is the anti-apartheid movement's rallying cry, activists allege another 3,300 South African political prisoners remain behind bars in comparative obscurity, including at least 14 jailed for life.

In the quarter of a century since the black nationalist leader's conviction for sabotage and conspiracy to topple the government, Mandela's reputation has grown to heroic proportions.

He has been the subject of tributes, articles, books and films around the globe that have made him the world's best known political prisoner.

The Release Mandela Campaign (RMC) was formed six years ago to press for his release and that of seven colleagues sentenced with him to life imprisonment in 1964.

In the boldest stroke so far in his reform programme, President F.W. de Klerk freed Walter Sisulu, former secretary-general of Mandela's outlawed African National Congress (ANC), and seven others in October after long prison terms. Like Mandela they became more revered with each successive year in jail.

But 14 others serving life sentences for plotting to overthrow the government are less well known.

"The problem is the Mandela has become so big that all other ANC personalities shrink in comparison," a leading activist said.

He did not want to be identified, saying he would be seen by other activists as being "anti-Mandela."

Justice Minister Kobie Coetsee said in March there were 374 people serving sentences for offences against state security.

The anti-apartheid Human Rights Commission said Coetsee's figure ignored about 3,000 political prisoners in "homelands" impoverished black mini-states created by Pretoria under a policy of geographically separating different ethnic groups.

"If my uncle is not mentioned anywhere, then I guess we can't be honoured," says an activist who did not want to be identified. Four of his relatives are in jail for offences anti-apartheid campaigners regard as political.

One of them, Anthony Xaba, now 56, has spent 25 years in prison. A number of Umkhonto We Sizwe (Spear of the Nation), the ANC's military wing, he was arrested in Zambia in 1963 while that country was still under British rule. He was deported to South Africa, convicted on charges of terrorism and sentenced to 10 years imprisonment.

After being released on completion of his initial sentence Xaba was again detained, charged with conspiracy to overthrow white rule by violence and sentenced to life imprisonment.

## TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1536 — Episcopacy is ended in Denmark.
- 1546 — Bohemian troops invade Duchy of Savoy.
- 1697 — Peace of Ryswick between France and Austria is signed.
- 1817 — Simon Bolivar organises independent government in Venezuela.
- 1841 — Fire erupts at Tower of London.
- 1905 — Tsar capitulates to Russian Duma's demands for more legislative powers.
- 1918 — Czechoslovakia is proclaimed an independent republic.
- 1922 — Benito Mussolini forms Fascist government, becomes premier of Italy.
- 1928 — Experimental transmission of still photographs by television begins in Britain.
- 1930 — Treaty of friendship between Greece and Turkey is signed in Ankara.
- 1955 — Sultan of Morocco abdicates.
- 1956 — Britain and France issue ultimatum to Egypt and Israel calling for ceasefire.
- 1963 — Algeria and Morocco sign peace agreement in border dispute.
- 1974 — Dutch marines and police storm prison chapel near The Hague and liberate 15 hostages held there for four days by convicts.
- 1987 — UN Security Council reaffirms Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar's mandate to implement 1978 UN plan for Namibia's independence from South Africa.
- 1988 — Iraq releases 25 disabled Iranian prisoners of war who are flown home in plane chartered by International Committee of the Red Cross.



Some of the Iranian students holding 53 Americans hostage in Tehran ten years ago shout defiance of the US in a demonstration inside the embassy grounds. The cartoon of President Carter looking perplexed all-too accurately reflected the dilemma faced by Carter.

THE spectacle of Americans held hostage overseas helped topple one US administration, drove another into the Iran-Contra scandal and con-

tinues to bedevil a US government torn between a desire to free its captive citizens and reluctance to negotiate with terrorists. Ten years

after Iranian students overran the US embassy in Tehran, the issue is no less painful, and the solutions no more clear.

## Plight of American hostages

## Lesson in limits of power

FOR the nation that prides itself as one of the mightiest on earth, blurry television images of Americans held hostage in the Middle East have become a bitter lesson on the limits of power.

Few issues have so frustrated the American public and its leaders since radical Iranian students stormed the US embassy in Tehran 10-years-ago this week — on Nov 4, 1979 — and took 53 American hostages.

President George Bush has toned down the rhetoric in an attempt to keep the public from focusing too closely on an issue that helped topple former president Jimmy Carter and led Ronald Reagan into the worst foreign policy scandal of the 1980s.

But at the same time, Bush is enlisting third parties in an effort to deal with Iran and free the eight Americans now held by Iranian-backed Muslims in Lebanon.

Carter, hounded by questions about the Tehran hostages and the United States' inability to free them, withdrew inside the White House for much of his 1980 re-election campaign.

Those hostages eventually were freed after 444 days — on the day Reagan was inaugurated as Carter's successor, Jan 20, 1981.

But nearly six-years later, Reagan's presidency

was rocked by the Iran-Contra affair, revelations that his aides had sold weapons to Iran in hopes of freeing the hostages in Lebanon and diverted the proceeds to Nicaraguan rebels. The arms deals came when Reagan was proclaiming publicly that the United States would not negotiate for the hostages' release.

Washington has had no diplomatic relations with Iran since the revolutionary government seized power there in early 1979.

Quietly, however, the United States has been using intermediaries — Japan, Pakistan, Algeria and Switzerland, to name a few — to send messages to Tehran, says Gary Sick, author of a book about Carter's hostage crisis and a National Security Council aide during the Democrat's presidency.

The thrust of Bush's third-party messages is that the United States is ready for better ties, but the hostages must be freed first, analysts say.

"Bush is conscious of Iran's power and he's shown an interest in putting things right," says Frederick Axelgard, a senior fellow at the Centre for Strategic and International Studies.

While Bush has tried to play down the hostage issues publicly, he was forced to react when a group calling itself the Organization for the Oppressed on Earth reported on July 31 that it had killed Marine

Lt Col William R. Higgins.

The president cut short a trip to the Midwest and returned to Washington to condemn the "brutal and tragic" events, but he did nothing to retaliate.

In Sick's view, Bush simply doesn't have many options. "After the Iran-Contra episode, he can't afford to be tagged with a trade, a deal. In effect, it has tied his hands," he says.

Publicly, the administration's position on the hostages is the same as the Reagan administration's was after the Iran-Contra scandal. Secretary of State James Baker reiterated that policy last week.

"The Iranian government has known for a long time that we are quite prepared to have open discussions with representatives of that government, provided they renounce their pursuit of terrorism and provided they take actions to seek the release and freedom of our American hostages," he said.

Iran's President, Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, said last week that he would help free the American hostages if the United States would release billions of dollars of assets frozen 10-years-ago after the Tehran embassy takeover.

The United States rejects linking the assets, valued at between \$9 billion and \$12 billion, to the hostages.

## Arab-Americans win new respect

ARAB-Americans have become an issue and since then have won acceptance as a political constituency in the New York City mayoral race, according to a leading Arab-American activist and organizer, Jim Zoghby.

During the third week in October, a media and political campaign developed by Zoghby's Washington-based Arab American Institute (AAI) brought the political exclusion of Arab Americans from the Dinkins and Giuliani campaigns in New York to the forefront of the debate in the city's 1989 elections, Zoghby told Kuna.

By the end of October, the effort by AAI succeeded in winning Arab Americans new respect from both mayoral candidates and many in New York's political establishment.

"The problem of exclusion was not a new story for Arab-Americans in New York City," noted Zoghby. "But what was new this year was that our community proved to have the clout and the respect, even in New York, to make efforts to exclude us a real issue."

During the primary campaigns, Arab Americans saw a great deal of action, they participated enthusiastically in the campaigns of David Dinkins (Democrat) and Rudolph Giuliani (Republican), and Ronald Lauder (Republican).

These Arab-Americans were involved in voter registration and organizing the Arab store owners to put up signs and distribute literature for the candidates of their choice. A number of Arab Americans also worked as volunteers in all three campaigns.

A Sept 10, candidates' night dinner hosted by AAI brought 200 Arab Americans together with representatives of the Dinkins and Giuliani campaigns.

While the Dinkins representatives included the heads of the campaign's small business committee and the Latino Commission, the Giuliani campaign sent Peter Haddas, a New York Arab American.

Following the Sept 12 primary in New York, however, neither the Dinkins campaign nor the Giuliani campaign would provide access to Arab-

Americans. Efforts to meet with the candidates, host fundraising events for the candidates or organize Arab American support committees for either candidate were all rebuffed.

The reason given was the usual one — fear of losing support among New York's City's two and half million Jewish citizens.

What was unusual, according to Zoghby, is that Arab-Americans challenged this political exclusion with a media campaign to make it an issue in the race.

The first papers to pick up the story were the New York Daily News and the Washington Post. The Post story prominently featured interviews with Brooklyn Arab-Americans.

Then on Oct 17, the New York Newsday printed an editorial written by Zoghby.

After describing Brooklyn's century-old Arab American community, he wrote, "what New York's Arab-Americans want is access to government and respect and recognition as one of the city's important ethnic constituencies."

## Art Buchwald

## Everyone blamed for Noriega fiasco

Jackie Mason and Panama. Take Two. It was finger-pointing time in the Bush administration. Everyone was blaming everyone else for the Noriega fiasco. The President declared, "I'm not going to accuse anyone because it would be an admission that I had done something wrong. I'd like the 46th Damage Control Team to come up with the plan for getting rid of Noriega, now, but I don't want any footprints leading to the White House."

A group of worried staff members descended to the bowels of the Executive Mansion. They assembled in the Situation Room to carry out the President's order.

A policy aide was the first to speak. "Why don't we pass the word to the Colombians that Noriega really works for the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency and is snitching to Bill Bennett on everything the cartel is doing? Then we let the Colombian drug barons take care of him, pronto."

"It's too risky," responded a general. "For all we know, it may be true. God knows who the DEA has on its payroll."

A CIA man said, "suppose we give Noriega a fatal illness and then he finds out that the government won't pay for any of his health insurance?"

A White House staff member added, "We mustn't

have any rough stuff. All the world is watching to see if we can get rid of Noriega in a kinder and gentler fashion."

"Couldn't we capture Noriega and drive him insane by making him share a cell with Zsa Zsa Gabor?" asked a National Security adviser.

The general said, "we can't." It violates the Geneva Convention.

Another White House staffer told the group, "Noriega is a man who likes money. Suppose we offer him Malcolm Forbes' yacht and the first three floors of Bloomingdale's?"

"That is not bad. But Noriega will want us to drop all charges against him in the U.S.," said the CIA man.

"No problem. If he pleads guilty, we'll give him 260 hours of community service making beds for Leona Helmsley."

"Wait a minute. I've got it," a young White House aide shouted. "Why don't we send Jackie Mason to Panama to work in Noriega's election campaign?"

"That's crazy," answered the general.

"Hear me out," the aide pleaded. "We'd drive Jackie around the country to warm up the crowd for Noriega. He could tell ethnic Panamanian stories like, 'How many Panamanian National Guards-

men does it take to screw in a light bulb? Two — one to screw it in and one to shoot it out.' Stuff like that. Pretty soon the whole country will turn on Noriega and he'll be booted out."

"Why would Noriega take Jackie to campaign for him?" the CIA man asked.

"Because Noriega can't win without the Jewish vote in Panama," a White House aide explained.

The NSC adviser agreed, "it does have merit. If Jackie can do a job for Giuliani, he can do the same for Noriega. Somebody get him on the phone."

The person came back in five minutes. "Jackie said he'd do it only if he can tell the truth about Panama."

"What's the truth?"

"That Panamanians couldn't dig a canal if their lives depended on it."

"Jackie said that?"

"Only as a joke. He wanted you to know that if he works for Noriega, he's going to tell a lot of good jokes about Central Americans."

"If he does, the Panamanians will kill Noriega," the CIA man stated.

"So?"

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## Letters to the editor

## Customs harassment

SIR: Bombay customs is the biggest hurdle which Indians have to face on their onward journey to their native place. Most of them must have paid some bribe at some time during their journeys. I too had my dues.

I recently travelled to India on vacation. But this time myself and my family (with two children) were harassed by a certain custom officer with the blessings of his officers. In order to catch my connecting flight and to save my tired children from the turmoil, I was forced to pay what the custom officer asked.

On my return to Kuwait, I wrote to a complaint to the Custom Collector at Bombay Customs. A few days later I was approached by a man who offered me money more than what I paid at Customs provided that I should sign a letter stating my complaint was not true. I told him that at any cost I would not sign such a letter and would not take any money from him.

In this connection I would like to request different Indian organisations to take up our custom clearance problem with the concerned ministry. Some of the passengers are now-a-days allowed to pass through the Green Channel after their luggage are being X-rayed, but others are harassed by custom officers.

A passenger who does not have any electronic equipment or gold ornaments in excess of what he/she is allowed, must be able to pass through the Green Channel with the permitted luggage of 20 kg. Most of us are genuine passengers and if there is a general rule like this we will not be treated like smugglers by the petty customs officers.

K. Ahmadi.

## Not reasonable

SIR: For the last few days letters have been appearing in the Arab Times about republishing "Urdu" pages.

In fact, the Arab Times is exclusively an English daily news paper. Here in Kuwait expatriates of different nationalities reside who speak different languages.

So, it is not a reasonable argument for a particular language to be published as supplement to an English daily. I agree with the view of Mr Ali Behbehani of Hawaii whose letter appeared in the Arab Times, (Oct 25). In Kuwait many non-English speaking Bangladeshis, Filipinos, Sri Lankans, Indians and other nationals reside. Majority of them do not speak English. Keeping the above facts in mind, I request my "Urdu" speaking friends to collect news as other language speaking people do.

H. Ali, Al Jahra.

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## Kurdish drugs connection grows

IN remote mountain villages in southeast Turkey, tribesmen huddle around cooking pots dreaming of unbridled riches bubbling away before their eyes.

Ask them "what's cooking?" and "heroin" could well be the reply.

Working with buckets, pots and barrels of chemicals, Kurdish villagers in the southeast are supplying Europe with half of its heroin, senior Western narcotics agents say.

Tribes in the barren mountains around the muddy town of Baskale, 1,400 km (875 miles) east of Istanbul now dominate the illicit refining and traffic, according to local sources.

In at least 10 places tonight villagers have rolled up their carpets and are cooking up base morphine," said one well-informed resident. "It's big money and everyone wants to get in on the act."

A Kurdish connection between the Golden Crescent poppy fields on the Afghan-Pakistan border and the heroin markets of Europe and the United States is not new but it is steadily growing, narcotics agents say.

The refiners' morphine base is processed before it reaches Turkey from the opium that oozes from slashed poppy heads.

Refining the morphine into heroin is a simple cottage industry. The morphine is boiled up with acetic anhydride solvent, dried on plastic sheets and then purified in stills on gas cookers.

More than 100 makeshift laboratories are believed to be in sporadic production in Kurdish villages in southeast Turkey, the agents added.

"We think half of Europe's heroin consumption now passes through Iran and the Balkan route through Turkey," said a senior Western narcotics agent, who declined to be identified.

Turkey-based drugs Mandarins, some of them Iranian exiles, have started to cut out European middlemen with direct shipments to the United States, the sources said.

Growing demand in Europe and North America and the larger supply due to the winding down of the war in Afghanistan meant the Balkan route would continue to gain importance, they added.

Britain is planning to send a first anti-narcotics liaison officer to Turkey and large US Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) offices in Istanbul and Ankara are likely to be reinforced, diplomats say.

(Baskale, Turkey — Reuters).

## Quote me

"To formally set a wedding and go through all preparations and publicity, only to walk out of it when the matrimony is about to be solemnised is ... unjustifiably contrary to good customs." — A Manila court in a decision ordering a man to pay his former sweetheart for a standing her up in church on their wedding day.

"Africa weeps for our country. We do not want reforms, we want to kill apartheid, we want freedom." — Said one speaker at an anti-apartheid rally.

"We pledge ourselves to continue an intensify the struggle until freedom is achieved." — Said a message from ANC secretary-general, Oliver Tambo.

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# Kuwait concern at Israel plan

KUWAIT, Oct. 29 (Kuna): Kuwait today requested the UN Security Council permanent members to exert pressures on Israel to halt its hostile plans towards Islamic shrines in Jerusalem, recently embodied in Israeli attempts to start the so-called renewal of Solomon Temple near the Aqsa Mosque.

A Foreign Ministry official source told Kuna that Undersecretary of the Foreign Ministry Sulaiman Majed Al-Shahin today summoned the ambassadors to Kuwait of the five countries with permanent membership at the UN Security Council.

Al-Shahin acquainted them with the statement issued earlier by His Highness The Amir in his capacity as president of the fifth Islamic summit in connection with the Zionist entity's provocative attempts to lay the corner stone of the so-called renewal of Solomon Temple.

The source added that Shahin conveyed to the ambassadors Kuwait's grave concern over such provocative attempts which represent stark defiance for Islam and the Islamic nation.

Due to the special responsibilities the permanent

members bear towards international peace and security, Al-Shahin requested those countries to put pressure on Israel to refrain from desecrating the Islamic holy shrines.

The Kuwaiti official urged them as well to take decisive measures towards such hostile Israeli acts which are not only harmful to Islam but also to the other divine religions.

The meeting was attended by Director of the International Organizations Department at the Foreign Ministry, Dhimir Razouqi.

# Top Christian cleric attacks Gen. Aoun

## Emergency cabinet meeting

BEIRUT, Oct. 29 (Agencies): Lebanon's top Christian cleric implicitly attacked Christian army chief Michel Aoun today, saying his rejection of an Arab peace pact and presidential elections could spark renewed war.

"Unfortunately, we only hear things that forebode evil and threats which don't take any consideration of the constitution and law. This could lead to war," Patriarch Nasrallah Boutros Sfeir said in a sermon.

He was apparently referring to Aoun who opposes an Arab-brokered accord to end Lebanon's 14 years of civil war because he says it fails to ensure the swift withdrawal of Syria's 33,000 troops from Lebanon.

The pact, signed by Christian and Muslim parliament members in Saudi Arabia on Tuesday, gives Muslims more power in the Christian-dominated system.

It also stipulates a parliamentary session to choose a speaker, endorse political reforms and elect a president by Nov 7.

Aoun, who heads an interim government of Christian army officers in East Beirut, held an emergency cabinet meeting today in which "important internal and political decisions were taken," officials said.

Aoun, who commands some 15,000 mainly Christian troops, said yesterday that no election will be accepted unless it is on free land.

He told a rally of 2,500 supporters "the one who will be elected in occupied land will be an agent."

The 54-year-old general has threatened to stop the election if it went ahead without popular approval by for example dissolving parliament or suspending the constitution.

Maronite Patriarch Sfeir, who enjoys wide support among Christians and Muslims, said the Arab-mediated agreement was the only choice if Lebanon was to be saved.

"Not any faithful Lebanese wants to go back to the hellish war... the war will definitely lead us to partition and partition was never our choice since it will curb and contain our role," the spiritual leader of Lebanon's main Christian community said.

"Why aren't the visions and wills united so we can all head towards total sovereignty... sovereignty originates from a unified national will," he said.

"There is no doubt that this period is extremely critical and difficult. It needs clear vision and a strong will for Lebanon to survive," Sfeir added.

Senior Christian politicians attended today's mass which was held at the patriarch's seat in the mountain village of Bikiri northeast of Beirut.

Sfeir's comments have further politically isolated Aoun in the Christian camp. Christian parties and militias said they supported the pact and asked Aoun to reconsider his rejection.

Arab League envoy Lakhdar Brahimi held behind-the-scenes contacts with Lebanese officials to prepare for parliament's electoral session, political sources said.

In Damascus, Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati met Lebanese Druze leader, Walid Jumblatt today to discuss their opposition to an Arab-brokered peace plan for Lebanon, officials said.



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The meeting at the Iranian embassy, one of a series between Velayati and Iran's Lebanese Muslim allies, aimed at forging a joint stand on the pact to end the 14-year-old civil war.

Two members of the US Congress declared America's commitment to peace in Lebanon yesterday despite withdrawal of all American diplomats from Beirut last month.

Congresswoman Mary Rose Oaker, Democrat of Ohio, and Congressman Nick Joe Rahall, Democrat of West Virginia, arrived late Friday in the Christian-enclosed area aboard a ferryboat from Cyprus.

# PLO ponders Baker plan

TUNIS, Oct. 29 (Reuters): The PLO Executive Committee re-examined US Secretary of State James Baker's five-point formula for direct Israeli-Palestinian peace talks during a meeting last night, PLO sources said today.

They told Reuters one issue which had arisen in a recent flurry of diplomatic activity concerned a US message sent to the Soviet Union on the makeup of a Palestinian delegation.

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Their names would be announced by PNC president Sheikh Abdel Hamid Al Sayeh, who is not a member of PLO Executive Committee.

The sources, who are close to the PLO leadership, said PLO chairman Yasser Arafat would have accepted the plan but the Americans immediately began backtracking.

The Executive Committee meeting took place at the same time as a visit to Tunis by a top Soviet Foreign Ministry official.

The Palestinian news agency Wafa reported today that Genady Tarasov held talks with three members of the Executive Committee about the Baker formula.

King Hussein of Jordan yesterday snubbed current stalled peace efforts to bring Palestinians and Israelis together for talks.

He reiterated calls for a UN-sponsored peace conference to settle the Arab-Israeli problem, an Arab-backed idea the king has long campaigned for.

"We feel that current discussions are centring on the form more than on the crux of the Palestine problem," Information Minister Nasouh Al Majali quoted the King as telling a meeting of the Council of Ministers.

US President George Bush last night said his country's relations with Israel may get complicated if the news over nuclear co-operation between Israel and South Africa proved to be true.

Bush, who was speaking at a press conference in Costa Rica, said the US categorically opposes transfer of banned technology and would find the means to affirm such opposition to any state that abuses technology.

# Evren calls for end to squabbles

ANKARA, Oct. 29 (Reuters): Turkish President Kenan Evren, who is due to step down in less than two weeks, called today for national unity and an end to political squabbling, state-run Turkish radio said.

Speaking against a backdrop of political dissent over Prime Minister Turgut Ozal's bid to succeed him, Evren said: "Let us not lose our unity. Let us not fight each other but (fight) internal and external forces which want to divide us."

"We have to realise that difficulties can not be overcome by quarrels on personalities, slanders and bickerings," he said in a message on the 66th anniversary of the proclamation of the modern Turkish republic.

Ozal is almost to be elected President next Tuesday when Parliament, where his Motherland Party has the necessary clear majority, meets for a third round of voting.

Opposition parties boycotted the two previous ballots when a two-third majority was needed.

# Sudan vows to retake Kurmuk

KHARTOUM, Oct. 29 (Agencies): Army troops have withdrawn from the southern border town of Kurmuk after intensive shelling by Sudanese rebels from across the border in Ethiopia, the general command said today.

A statement issued by the general command said that the armed forces made a "tactical withdrawal" and vowed to retake the town "as soon as possible."

Earlier this week, the government and the rebel Sudan People's Liberation Army traded accusations over who started the fierce fighting around Kurmuk, 375 miles (600 km) southeast of Khartoum.

The fighting was considered the most significant battle since a ceasefire began seven months ago. The violation of the ceasefire was certain to cast a shadow on attempts to organise peace talks to end the 6 1/2-year-old civil war in the south.

The general command statement said that the Kurmuk battle would "undermine the serious efforts for peace."

It said that a number of "foreign military experts were seen directing and administering" the rebels, but did not elaborate on their nationalities. The Sudanese government has accused Cuba of providing the SPLA with military training and experts.

The statement also said Ethiopian government troops stationed near the border were seen raising white flags and withdrawing from the area when the rebels started the shelling. It condemned neighbouring countries' support of the rebels.

It said that the withdrawal decision had been made "to avert the heavy shelling and to reassemble the troops... and return to the positions from which they withdrew."

The SPLA took up arms against the government in 1983. They want more autonomy and administrative and economic reforms.

The SPLA accused the government of military ruler General Hassan Omar Al Bashir last Monday of violating its own ceasefire by attacking rebel positions near the Sudan-Ethiopia border.

# Clenched-fist salutes

Kurdish refugees give clenched fist salutes as the coffin of Siho Iyguven is carried through the streets of London. Iyguven died after setting fire to his cell at the Harmondsworth detention centre, after being told he would be sent back to Turkey. (Reuters wirephoto)



# Quit smoking, take exercise

Four Egyptian medical students, covering their faces with sterilised gauze, surround leading British surgeon Magdi Yacoub as he performs a complex open-heart surgery at a Cairo hospital. Yacoub is on a three-day visit to Cairo to perform surgeries free of charge in his home country.

Yacoub told Egyptians to cut out traditional fatty food, quit smoking and take more exercise.

"Egyptians must eat less fat and change their diets. I also noticed there are many smokers on the street... these are prime causes of heart disease," Professor Yacoub, a naturalised Briton born in Egypt, told reporters.

Fatty meat is a staple for Egyptians. (Reuters wirephoto)

# 12 killed, airport closed

## Rocket rain at Kabul

KABUL, Oct. 29 (AP): Government forces pounded rebel positions with scores of rockets yesterday but failed for an eighth straight day to open a key highway to the capital, soldiers said.

At least 22 missiles slammed into the capital, killing 12 people, according to state-run television. Repeated rocket attacks forced the airport to close.

A diplomat who spent most of the day waiting for a flight said only three air shipments arrived from the Soviet Union yesterday, compared to about 30 on a normal day.

Markets in the capital again reported no deliveries of flour or fuel. Soldiers were seen at several locations stopping taxi drivers and demanding to buy their gasoline.

Throughout the day, Kabul was rocked by the vibrations of government rockets being fired north to the Salang highway, where intense fighting continued between US-backed Muslim rebels and troops from the Soviet-supported government.

Government soldiers with knowledge of the battles said the northern part of the Salang highway was completely in rebel hands. They said government forces were trying to regain parts of the southern half of the key road.

More than 2,000 trucks carrying commodities for Kabul were said to be stuck on the highway north of the battles. Up until late last week, when it was closed, the Salang highway had been the only government-held land route into the capital.

Three other roads, to the east, south and west, have all been effectively closed to government trucks. However, helicopters have been able to fly from the eastern city of Jalalabad.

The state-run nightly news said 22 rockets hit Kabul yesterday, killing 12 and injuring 34.

One rocket hit a base that houses the women's militia, and government spokesman Mohammed Nabi Amani said five women were killed.

Another missile hit a kindergarten. A small girl died 20 minutes after being rushed to the children's hospital, said the hospital president, Abdul Salam Jalali.

More rockets landed near the polytechnic university in northwest Kabul, kicking up huge plumes of smoke as they crashed to the ground. Several houses were destroyed and their occupants injured.

Witnesses in the area said rockets also landed in a nearby military base, but the government does not release information on military casualties in Kabul.

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# MIDEAST BRIEFS

## 'Children for sale'

GENEVA, Oct. 29 (Kuna): Five hundred new-born babies have been sold and exported out of Lebanon this year, according to a Geneva-based weekly published on Friday.

The weekly Femina reported that an underground network of professionals — consisting of gynaecologists, lawyers and those working for orphanages — are involved in the clandestine deals.

According to the report, to begin with, the doctors persuade prospective mothers not to undergo abortion, while the orphanages work for papers and say that they found the babies at the doorstep of the orphanages.

The article, entitled 'Children for sale', noted that blonde children with blue eyes attracted the highest market value — \$10,000 to \$15,000 — compared to dark-haired children who were selling for \$5,000 to \$10,000.

## Smuggler killed

TEHRAN, Oct. 29 (AP): A drug trafficker was killed and 63 kilograms (139 pounds) of opium seized today in a shootout between security agents and a gang of drug smugglers in northeastern Khorasan province, Tehran Radio reported.

The radio said the firefight took place in Torbat-jam, close to the Afghan border, one of the main narcotics smuggling routes into Iran.

The broadcast said 16 kilograms (35 pounds) of opium were also seized in a separate raid in which two men were arrested.

## Kilbi to visit Syria

TUNIS, Oct. 29 (Kuna): Arab League Secretary-General Chadi Kilbi pays a short visit to Syria today where he will have talks with a number of Syrian officials, it was announced here Saturday.

Sources of the Arab League secretariat said that the visit is to be held at the invitation of Syrian President Hafez Al Assad.

## Mine blast

RASHAYA, Oct. 29 (AP): A militiaman of the Israeli-backed South Lebanon Army was wounded today when the armoured personnel carrier he was riding hit a mine in Israel's self-designated "security zone" in South Lebanon, police reported.

A police spokesman, who cannot be named under withholding regulations, said the explosion occurred near the Christian mountain town of Jezzine.

## Military advisor

TEHRAN, Oct. 29 (Kuna): Iranian spiritual leader Ali Khamenei had appointed Major General Ali Dhaif Najad as head of military advisors in the Iranian armed forces, it was announced here last night.

The official Iranian news agency Iranna said that Najad was personally designated by Khamenei.

## Iran returns

SANAA, Oct. 29 (AP): President of Yemen Arab Republic Ali Abdullah Saleh returned home yesterday from Cairo at the end of a three-day visit to Egypt.

During his visit, President Saleh had talks with Egyptian President Mubarak on bilateral relations and latest Arab and international developments.

Before his visit to Egypt, President Saleh was in Iraq where he attended celebrations marking the completion of the reconstruction of the Iraqi city of Faw in southern Iraq and had talks with leaders of Iraq, Jordan and Egypt which form along with North Yemen the Arab Co-operation Council (ACC).

## Hotel fire

CAIRO, Oct. 29 (AP): A collapsed roof in an underground garage connected to the downtown Nile Hilton hotel started a fire which destroyed a number of cars but left no casualties, firemen said today.

The fire raged for about two hours until firemen on the scene succeeded in putting it out. The underground garage, connected to the Nile Hilton's shopping centre, is used by a private car renting company.

## Oil scandal trial

AMMAN, Oct. 29 (Reuters): More than 120 Jordanians accused of smuggling contaminated cooking oil to bakeries and sweetshops pleaded not guilty when their trial opened at a military court today.

Only two out of the 127 defendants, who included six not in custody, told the three-man military tribunal they were guilty of some of the charges.

# Iran plans to celebrate 10th anniversary of the US embassy compound seizure in low key

TEHRAN, Oct. 29 (UPI): An intangible mystique still surrounds the former US embassy compound in downtown Tehran, the scene some 10 years ago of massive, anti-US demonstrations and the centre of world attention because of Americans held hostage inside.

On Nov 4, Iran plans to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the embassy compound seizure by putting on display before Western reporters and television cameras a group of Iranians arrested earlier on charges of spying for the United States.

But apart from that, the government

plans no special ceremonies or demonstrations, despite pressure from the radicals in the Iranian Majlis, or parliament, to commemorate the occasion in a fitting and revolutionary manner.

Iranian government officials said some radical clerics in the provinces had also brought pressure on the government of President Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani to stage special ceremonies to mark the event, but the response of the administration has so far been cool.

This may be because Rafsanjani has recently been making moves to

introduce an atmosphere of détente in relations with the United States, as part of his policy of "opening up to the West."

The Iranian leader does not apparently want to unnecessarily open old wounds by officially gloating over the embassy seizure.

The hostage crisis, as it came to be called, began on Nov 4, 1979, when a group of Islamic fundamentalists calling themselves, "students following the imam's (spiritual leader's) line" scrambled over the embassy front gate and took 66 Americans hostage.

The late Iranian leader Ayatollah Khomeini, also known as the imam, dubbed the US embassy the "nest of spies."

Khomeini is believed to have encouraged the fundamentalists to hold on to the embassy compound and the hostages for as long as they could, sending a young radical cleric named Hojatoleslam Mohammad Khomeini to the embassy to act as the spiritual mentor for the young radicals.

The radicals subsequently released 13 black Americans and women employees at the embassy, and one

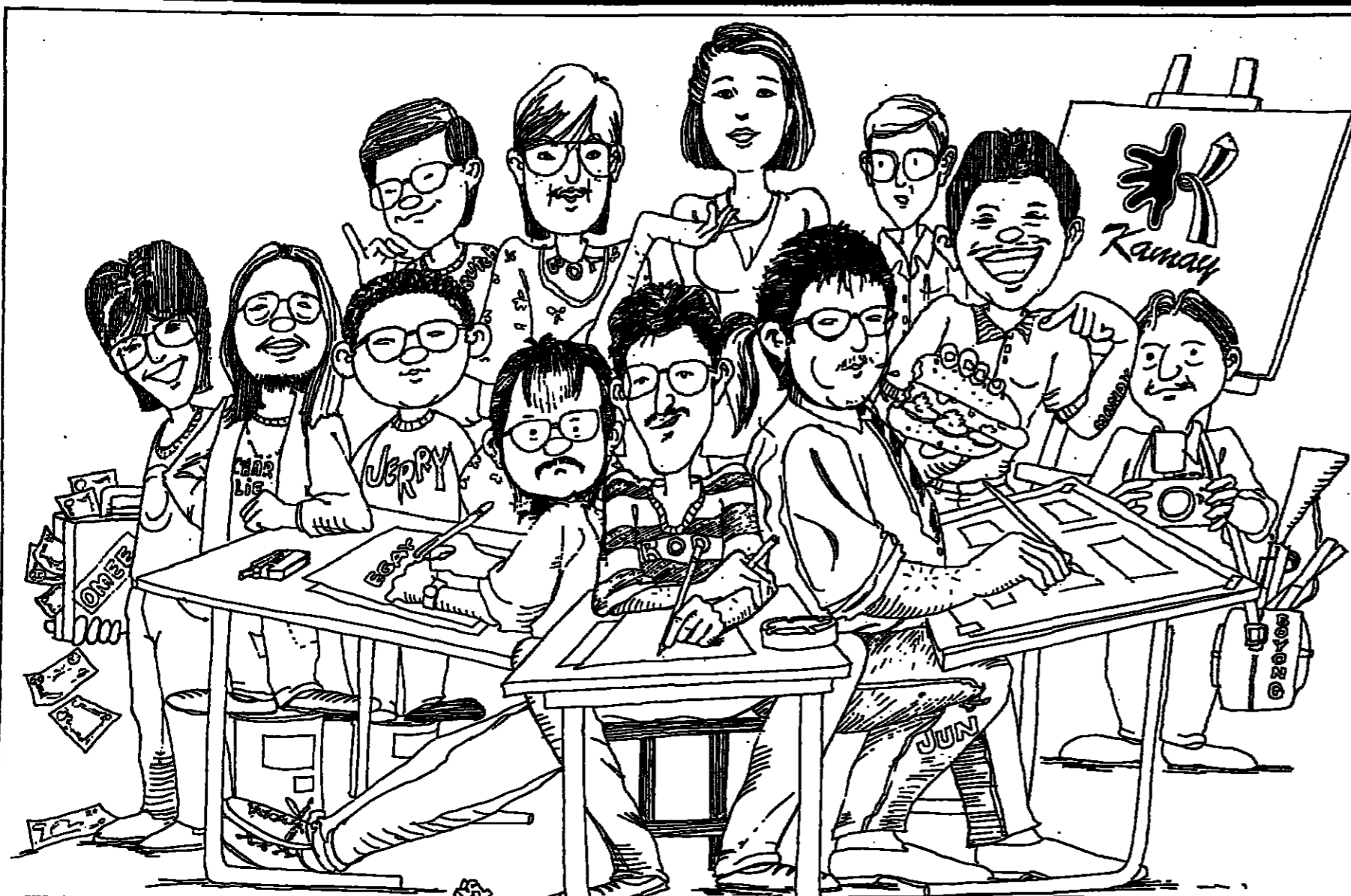
diplomat who was seriously ill, but held on to the other 52 hostages for 444 days before finally releasing them as former President Reagan was being sworn in on Jan 20, 1981.

Memories of the crisis still linger on the embassy walls, where a slogan in one-foot high Latin letters proclaims: "We will make America face another severe defeat."

Another slogan capturing the mood of the time says: "If God wills, this century is the period of victory of the oppressed (against) the oppressor — Imam Khomeini."

Memories only remain in the minds of most Iranian witnesses of the huge crowds which came to the capital city to cram a section of Takhte Jamshid avenue, in front of the embassy gates, shaking their fists before Western television cameras, chanting "death to America," burning the Stars and Stripes and burning Carter effigies.

Today, 10 years later, none chants slogans in front of the embassy gates, and the only hint of the unusual is the large number of slogans in Farsi (Persian) scrawled on the walls surrounding the embassy compound.



## Introducing you to Kamay

It seems the name "Kamay" has created a lot of questions after the Philippine embassy gave its formal recognition to this new Filipino organisation in Kuwait. What is Kamay? What does it stand for? Many have asked. So to set matters straight once and for all, here's a definitive guide to Kamay.

Kamay (not an acronym) stands for Kalipunan ng Mapaglikhang Pinoy sa Kuwait (Association of Filipino Creatives in Kuwait). The group was founded over a year ago. Since its foundation, the group has been kept intact and actively, yet silently, involved in activities under-taken by the various Filipino organisations in Kuwait. Some of its memorable works include the concept of "Batakan ng Buto", the theme adapted during the 1988 Palarong Pilipino. The group was responsible for the facelifting of Pinoy News, the quarterly newsletter of the Filipino community. Recently, the members of the group shared their artistic skills in the souvenir programme and backdrop design of the widely-acclaimed Fiesta Filipiniana '89 and the stage play "Amadeus". Further, the Philippine embassy has tapped Kamay to handle the below-the-line communication materials and stage design of the much-awaited Hatid-Saya '89 slated

on November 12 at the Regency Palace.

The core of Kamay consists mainly of a copywriter and graphic designers from various advertising agencies, printing and publishing companies in Kuwait. Its officers are Rod S. Manalo, ECD for copy division; Jun Sta. Maria, ECD for art division; Egay Magaay, art director; Romy Garcia and Charlie Quintana, studio managers; Butch Go, Production consultant; Boy Gigantone, quality controller; Mandy Salvo and Jerry Antonio, account managers; Albert Malcampo, business-to-business controller; Romeo Mangumay, photo director and Ceres Puzon, media/finance manager.

Of course, by now the members of Kamay have grown in number to become yet more diverse. So whatever the work, the group's ability to operate in the Filipino community is never in doubt.

So for Kamay, the years ahead and the prospect of having the sole identity of a single Filipino creative group in Kuwait hold no surprises and few fears just more opportunities to succeed in creative communication. And what a better way to communicate than by having a considered and disciplined approach to creativity. This is embodied in Kamay's Ten Com-

### mandments. The 10 Commandments of Kamay

A grade school song goes like this ...  
"Sampung mga daliri masarap ipangkin"

KAMAY reflects on this differently. Our hands have ten fingers and each represent a commandment we must obey.

1. Care about the ideas of others: That really comes before anything in creative communication. You have to accept the ideas of others not just your own-to succeed. Remember, in creativity small things can turn to big things.

2. Remember the golden rule: Remember that one! Treat your fellow creatives with respect. You just might get some in return.

3. Do your homework: Try to become an expert on creative communication. To really understand people and capture their essence. Reach out not for what people look like, but for who they are.

4. Give it your best: As we all know, creativity is hard! Work at it. You'll feel better. When a job is required, don't sit on it. If you don't treat it as a rush job, nobody

else will.

5. Suggest don't slaughter: Sometimes you will not like something and not be sure, or not be able to express, why. Be specific. It's not enough to say, "I don't like it."

6. Keep an open mind (or closed mouth): Listen, really listen to what others have to say. If you're busy thinking what to say next, you may miss a key point. Plus, you'll discover more and argue less.

7. Ask questions: Don't be too proud or embarrassed to say you don't know or understand something. Self-conscious people don't learn.

8. Try to be right: Always be realistic, if not reasonable.

9. We're all in it for creative excellence: Break all barriers in creative communication. Whatever the medium, exercise your freedom of expression. You'll soon discover that all creative work we produce would be stronger, more concise and more memorable.

10. Those magic words will work: When was the last time you said thank you for a job well done. A warm sincere word of gratitude will work wonders. Unless, we follow these, we will all perish. Not with a bang. Not with a whimper. But by our own skilled hands.

## TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

### KTV 1

#### MORNING PERIOD

- 9.30 The Opening and Holy Quran
- 9.40 Sabah Al Kher News and Variety
- 9.40 Around the World: Cartoon serial
- 10.05 Magazine D'Actualite (repetition)
- 10.20 Al Ghaba: Daily Arabic serial (part 11)
- 11.35 United Arab Emirates Popular Arts: Variety Programme
- 12.20 Sabah Al Kher News
- 12.30 News Summary
- 12.35 Holy Quran and Closedown

#### EVENING PERIOD

- 4.00 The Opening and Holy Quran
- 4.15 The World Today via Satellite (repetition)
- 4.45 Alice In Wonderland: Cartoon serial (part 4)
- 5.15 Mama Anisa and the Children: Children's programme
- 6.00 Night Chemists: Airlines and Official advertisements
- 6.15 Al Tareeq Illa Al Quds: Historical serial (part 27)
- 7.15 Holy Quran and Science: Religious programme, prepared and presented by Dr

### Ahmad Shawqi Ibrahim

8.00 Onsiyat Al Ethreen: Local programme, prepared and presented by Mohammed Al Barjis

### Good Evening and Local News

- 9.00 News in Arabic
- 9.45 Al Mokafa: Arabic serial (part 10)
- 10.30 Masra Al Motanabi: Historical serial (part 5)
- 11.45 News Summary
- 11.50 The World Today via Satellite
- 12.15 Holy Quran and Closedown

### KTV 2

#### 6.00 Opening Announcement and Holy Quran

- 6.10 Little Rascals: A cartoon series for children
- 6.30 Wild Life in Australia: "The Great Barrier Reef" A study on creatures living on the Great Barrier Reef that covers an area of 80,000 miles off the eastern shore of Australia
- 7.00 Roving Report: A weekly round-up of local, Arab and international news

### 7.30 Charles in Charge

Charles submits his sister's thesis and obtains an excellent grade. His sister submits his thesis by mistake as well...

### 8.00 News in English

8.30 The Scientific Progress: A weekly local programme on scientific topics and activities in Kuwait.

### 9.00 Studio 5-B "Daily Laundry"

10.00 Better Days "Ground Rules": Bryan is withheld from attending a party since he refuses to give his grandfather the chance to play bowling.

### 10.30 Jake and the Fatman

"Her Butterfly": A criminal who attacks and blackmails women... is chased by Jake and the Fatman where heavy shooting takes place between them.

### 11.30 News in brief

11.45 Magazine d'Actualite

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

## NIGHT CHEMIST

Kuwait City  
Garnata Pharmacy  
Fahed Al Salem Street  
Al Amal Pharmacy  
Mubarak Al Kabeer Street  
Hawalli and Nagra  
Al Kamal Pharmacy  
Tunis Street  
Salwa and Ramalithya  
Al Bader Pharmacy  
Al Blajet Street

Fahadheel  
Abu Halifa Pharmacy  
Coastal Road  
Jeeb Al Shuyookh  
Al Razi Pharmacy  
Jeeb Al Shuyookh  
Jahra  
Al Nour Pharmacy  
Jahra

## PRAYERS

Fajr	4.39 am
Zohr	11.32
Asr	2.40 pm
Maghreb	5.04
Isha	6.22

## CINEMA TODAY

Al Andalus  
The Annihilators  
Salwa  
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## Wilfy Nite



ON Friday, November 10, at 3.30 pm KCWA will present Wilfy Nite at the Indian Arts Circle, Fumatees. Singers include Wilfy Rebinbus, Meena Rebinbus and Prem Kumar. Gate passes are now available with Cyprian Albuquerque on 4314668 and Raja Store on 2412970. For further information, contact Charles Vaz on 4312952.

## ARTS

### Islamic Art

A SIX week — 12 lecture course on Islamic Art will be given in English at the Dar Al Athar Al Islamiyyah on Sunday and Tuesday mornings from 10.00 — 12.00 noon. October 29 through December 5, 1989.

An eight week — eight lecture course on Islamic Art will be given in Arabic at the Dar Al Athar Al Islamiyyah on Monday afternoons from 4.00 — 6.00 pm from October 30 through December 19, 1989.

To register for either of these courses please sign up at the Dar Al Athar during museum hours 8.30 am — 12.30 pm.

### Sultan Gallery

A COLLECTION of abstract art by Saudi Arabian artist Faisal Samra is on show at the Sultan Gallery. Samra, who experiments with space and form, is exhibiting for the second time in Kuwait. His first exhibition was in 1987. The show is open Saturday to Thursday from 10 am to 1 pm and 5 to 8 pm, until Nov 15.

### Hobby centre

New Courses in Jewellery making and design for adults. For children there is Pottery starting next month for 6 weeks. Tel: 5618847, 5317354.

## SOCIAL

### Pianist wanted

KUWAIT Little Theatre — Ahmadi urgently require a pianist to help with their pantomime rehearsals and performances. Anyone interested, please call S. Prescott on 3725960 after 3 pm.

### Naveilm Youth Centre

NOV 16: An annual get-together nite with live music from "Stepping Stones and Top Ranks" having lots more amusements, surprises awaiting at Le Mirage ballroom — Ramada Al Salam Hotel. Contact: Mr Alex — 2426334, Mr Marian — 2416945.

### Musical variety

A MUSICAL variety with lots of fun and prizes to be held on Nov 2 at 9.00 pm. Limited numbers of cards are still available for families. Please contact, Secretary Public Relations, tel. No. 4716258.

### Naveilm feast

The feast of Our Lady of Rosary, Naveilm will be celebrated on 15.11.89, at the Holy Family Cathedral at 7.15 am.

### Rock'n' Roll

SPEND a night of Nostalgia with Music from 1955-1965 at Messilah Beach Hotel. Fulfill your fantasy and dress as your favourite Star of the Era or just dress up. Also B.B.Q. and prizes. For details please contact 5624111 ext. 711, 712 or 705.

### Narhane

AS a part of the Nehru Centenary year celebrations "Narhane" stages "Anarkali" ballet at IAC hall on Nov. 9. The popular historical story took place in the year 1600 will be staged with the real Mughal Muslim costumes and style. Admission restricted with passes which are available at Tel: 4337608/2425131/3904817/2461589/5643126.

### Magie show

NOV. 9, 10: Expatriate Club will organise the first magic show in Kuwait. Internationally known Indian magician Marco will perform at the Granada Cinema. For details contact Wilson 3918905, Val 5614506 after 5 pm. Tickets available at Raja Stores. Tel. 2412970.

### Rock'n' Roll

NOV 15: Spend a night of nostalgia with music from 1955-1965 with High Spirits at Messilah Beach Hotel. Fulfill your fantasy and dress as your favourite Star of the Era or just dress up. Also B.B.Q. and prizes. For details please contact 5624111 ext. 711, 712, or 705.

### Big City Night

NOVEMBER 2: 8.00 pm — Roman Theatre on the Green Island, Sea Front, Dana Al Khaleej present Earthquake.

High Spirits and Stepping Stones in an evening of rock/pop music. For ticket reservations phone 2402909, 2451844, 2451845, 9024265 (any time).

### Konkani drama

Sponsored by the new G.O.A., Goa's ace dramatist M. Boyer will present "Chintan Zallim Sopnan" a Konkani drama at the Indian Arts Circle on the 2nd and 3rd of November 1989. The artists, all coming from Goa, will include Jacinto Vaz, Remy Colaco, Betty Naz and others. Tickets are available at Canary Video (Sharq) and Video Clock (near GPO).

### Musical Nights with Adnan Butt

A variety of popular Indian and Pakistani songs, ghazals and gets to be presented in exclusive musical gatherings on four consecutive Thursdays starting from November 23, 1989 at various locations in Kuwait. For details contact 3919720, 3610088 and 4743955.

### British Council

The headmaster of a long

established co-educational boarding school in the west of England will be at the British Council in Mansouriyah from: 5.30 — 7.30 on Monday/Tuesday 30/31 October or phone Mrs Harries at the British Council for more information — 2515512/2533204.

Tribute to Hemant Kumar IN fond remembrance of Hemant Kumar Indian Arts Circle in association with Bengali Cultural Society is arranging a musical evening at the IAC auditorium on 16th November, '89 at 8 pm.

Entry passes are available from IAC office at Fumatees. For further details please contact 5621379, 3910806, 2644863 and 3904817 (IAC office).

### Bengali dance drama

The Bengali musical play "Nakshi Katha Maath" (The Field of the Embroidered Quilt) by famous Bangladesh poet Jashimuddin will be staged at the Starlight Theatre, Doha Entertainment City, on Nov 2 and 3. For details please contact Tel. 4893424, 4744490.

4315759, 3173923, 2466562.

### Bharathi Mele '89

A DAY of fun and enjoyment on November 3, 1989, at Indian Embassy Hall, with lots of games for children as well as adults from 9.00 am to 2.30 pm. For details, please contact Tel. 4898891 or 3920820 or 5612114 or 5627718 or 3726821 or 2465712.

### Anarkali

NOV 9: Special passes for IAC members for the Anarkali ballet available in the IAC office.

## SPORTS

### Rothmans Gold Cup

Salute United will organize the Rothmans Gold Cup Football Tournament from 17-10-89. KIFF affiliated clubs may collect entry forms from Martin on 4810492 Ext 267 or Pinheiro 4819168. Last date for submission of entries is 9-11-89. Draw will be held on 10-11-89 at the Caravan Restaurant, next to Hardes, Fahd Al Salem St., at 8.30 am.



## Farewell reception

Hasan Mohammed Rajah (fourth right), former director of Commerce and Industries, held a farewell dinner at the Kuwait International Hotel for the Dean of diplomatic corps and Venezuelan Ambassador Rafael Osuna (third right). A large number of ambassadors attended. The host is seen with some of the guests.

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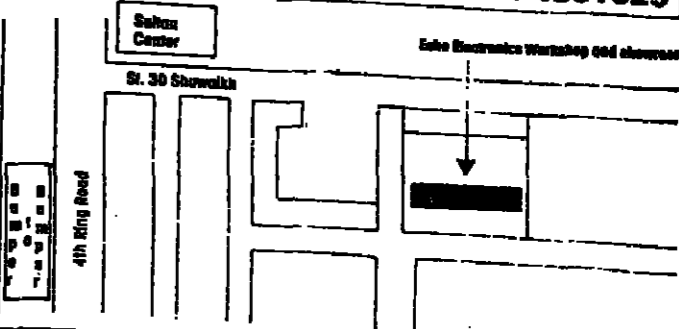
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# BUSINESS & FINANCE

## Thatcher hits back

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Instead, Thatcher sought to dominate the TV interview by repeatedly sending messages of reassurance to the financial world after sterling fell against the dollar on the heels of Lawson's departure.

"We shall join the European Monetary System on the conditions we laid down in Madrid (during the last EEC summit in June). There was nothing fudged about them, they were quite clear."

"The various countries in that particular exchange rate play by different rules. That is nonsense. When you join any system, you must all play by the same rules. At the moment some have a foreign exchange control, some don't. Some have free movement of capital, some don't. Some have artificial restraints on what their pension funds and insurance funds can invest in which prevent overseas investment or investment in other currencies, some don't. Some have a great deal of subsidy to their industry some don't," she said.

"We shall join the exchange rate system with no foreign exchange controls, when there is freedom of movement of capital, when their pension and insurance services are run as openly and as freely as ours are, and when there is fair competition and when the subsidies have gone," she said.

## Currency reform essential but no panacea for East bloc

LONDON, Oct 29. (Reuters): Communist states are taking the first tentative steps towards making their currencies acceptable in the West in an experiment that could unlock bank vaults stuffed with billions of useless roubles and zlotys.

But Western economists warn the drive to stamp out thriving black market and make East bloc currencies convertible with the West could force inflation higher and add to the danger of social unrest generated by economic reform.

Economists say the day the Soviet rouble is exchangeable for the dollar is years away but at least limited convertibility is essential if states are to sweep away an era of socialist central planning and price distortions paralysing industry.

"Currency reform is essential but Eastern bloc states are in for a long haul," said Paul Hare, professor of economics at Heriot-Watt University in Edinburgh. "It could create serious economic difficulties to switch to full convertibility at once."

As the spirit of political and economic reform sweeps through the East bloc, the longing for Western consumer goods for jeans to stereos is growing by the day—and with it flourishing black markets for coveted Western currencies.

Reformist policy-makers in Poland, Hungary and the Soviet Union, determined to stamp a Western-style market discipline on their economies, are edging towards currency convertibility.

Of the major states, only hardline East

Germany has made no move even Czechoslovakia this year eliminated a two-tier currency system as a first step towards convertibility.

The advantages are tempting. Price distortions could be driven out of the economy, East bloc industry would be forced to compete with the West and be free to invest in new equipment.

The "monetary overhang"—billions of roubles and other East bloc currencies citizens earn but cannot spend because there are no goods on the shelves—would be reduced and wads of paper money be given tangible value.

Dollars hoarded under the mattress in countries such as Poland (Solidarity leader Lech Walesa puts the figure as high as five

billion) could be put to work within the economy.

But the disadvantages are also enormous. Most currencies are grossly overvalued at official rates and a devaluation to pave the way for convertibility at more realistic levels would push up prices for many imports and slash the value of savings.

And Western experts say the Soviet and Polish economies are in such disarray there would probably be an immediate run on the local currency as citizens register a vote of no confidence.

"I would be very pessimistic about the viability of the rouble," said Martin McCauley at the University of London's School of Slavonic and East European Studies. "Everyone will want to hold hard

currency and will not trust the rouble."

That argues for a slow, step-by-step process to contain the excesses of black markets, cushion the social impact by periodic devaluations and introduce limited forms of convertibility.

The favoured route emerging is to hold hard currency auctions, allowing supply and demand to set a market rate.

In the Soviet Union, the State Bank on Wednesday announced a massive devaluation of the rouble for citizens and foreigners travelling abroad. The move, aimed squarely at the black market, means it will from November 1 cost six roubles 26 kopecks to buy one dollar compared with just 63 kopecks now.

"It is a healthy step forward," said Michael Kaser, Soviet economic specialist at St Anthony's College in Oxford. "It is getting nearer to a more realistic rate."

A dollar can fetch up to 10 roubles illegally and policymakers are worried that an easing of travel restrictions will mean hard currency leaving the East in tourists' pockets.

Soviet officials are blunt in describing the goal of full rouble convertibility as a distant one. Ernest Olshtinsky, head of the International Economic Relations Directorate in Moscow, told reporters in New York on Wednesday: "If it were convertible overnight, huge amounts would follow out of the country."

## Saudi team to visit Pakistan

### Plans to boost trade

NICOSIA, Oct 29. (Reuters): Saudi Arabia and Pakistan agreed today on a draft agreement to boost trade, the Saudi Press Agency reported.

Sheikh Mohammed Ali Abal Khail, Saudi Arabia's Minister of Finance, said each country had a lot to offer each other in terms of commodities and services.

A Saudi Arabian delegation was expected to visit Pakistan within a few months to explore opportunities in bilateral trade, he said after talks with Wassim Jaffari, economic adviser to Pakistan's Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto.

SPNA, received in Cyprus, did not say when the trade pact will be signed.

Exports of oil and petrochemicals to Pakistan rose in the past three years but visible trade the other way declined, according to Saudi figures.

Abal Khail said yesterday exports to Pakistan were worth 1.29 billion riyals (\$344 million) in 1988 up from 1.14 billion riyals (\$303 million) in 1987 and about one billion riyals (\$267 million) in 1986.

Imports from Pakistan declined to 465 million riyals (\$124 million) in 1988 from 489 million riyals (\$130 million) in 1987 and 505 million riyals (\$135 million) in 1986, he said.

Pakistan also receives substantial amounts of Saudi Arabian aid and income from migrant workers.

Meanwhile GCC financial and economic co-operation committee discussed in Riyadh last week the execution of the GCC unified economic agreement, the constituent budget for the GCC joint bureau at the international civil aviation organisation in Montreal and upgrading real estate ownership.

The ministers also discussed incentives for the private sector, the on-going negotiations with international economic groups, the custom tariffs on the national industrial products as well as trade exchange between the member states.

The Gulf Co-operation Council groups Kuwait, Bahrain, Oman, United Arab Emirates, Qatar and Saudi Arabia.

## GCC urged to play major role

KUWAIT, Oct 29. (Kuna): The board chairman of Bank of Kuwait and the Middle East (BKME) AB Al Bader today affirmed that development opportunities during the next decade will push financial and investment establishments in Kuwait to operate abroad to benefit from the chances provided for investment and financing of international trade.

He added that the Gulf states should also boost financial abilities of their national financial establishments.

Asked about the role that should be played by Arab Banks Union and the Gulf Co-operation Council to confront the European economic organisation in its new form, the senior Kuwaiti banker said the GCC should play a major role to confront the new financial classifications, by emphasising the economic and financial importance of the region and its financial abilities.

## Productive projects get loans

### Kuwait Fund hails Afro-Arab ties

KUWAIT, Oct 29. (Kuna): Director general of the Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development (KFAED) Bader Mishari Al Humaidhi today said that the fund has started dependent loans since 1986 without the need for government contribution.

He told the Kuwait News Agency that these resources had reached around KD2,004 million by end of last June, out of which KD1,472 million was allocated to the fund's capital and KD532 million for its reserves.

Humaidhi explained that the Kuwaiti government, according to the fund's laws, annually allocates an amount of money from its budget for the fund.

He elaborated that three main sources supplied the fund with its needs namely interest on investments, interest on loans and repayment of loans.

Such a situation entailed a change in the fund's laws by which its resources came from either the government or its reserves as is the case at present. Humaidhi, shifting to the international debt problem, said that the problem is basically attributed to the huge credits requested by developing nations in the seventies and early eighties at very high interest rates and at short terms.

He emphasised, meanwhile, that the Kuwaiti Fund's loans and other similar loans were not the reason for complicating the Third World debt problem because the fund extends soft loans whether at its interest or period of repayment and hence rescheduling these loans are not thought of.

However, the fund still co-operates with the indebted countries in a bid to find a way or means that could help them overcome their debt problem.

He gave an example for the fund's loan policy in the fact that it extends loans to finance export-oriented and productive projects.

Humaidhi underlined that only 1.5 per cent of the total commitments by the indebted parties to the fund were not paid and mostly not exceeding a year delay.

Those countries pay their commitments at various intervals according to their financial circumstances, he elaborated.

Humaidhi declared that the Kuwaiti Fund had extended 363 loans to the tune of KD1,604 million to 65 Third World countries since its establishment in December 1961.

Speaking of Arab assistance to the African continent, Humaidhi said that Arab national financial institutions had contributed a lot in financing a number of developmental ventures in Africa.

## AI Sayer Group aims to propel activities

### Cost effective services

By Lima Al Khalafawi  
Arab Times Staff

THE AI Sayer Group dedicated to serving its customers since the firm's inception, have now embarked on a plan to streamline their services with the concept of providing state-of-the-art services to its valued clientele.

Talking about the organisational and structural changes envisaged by the company, Nasser Mohamed Al Sayer, chairman of the group of companies, told a press conference held yesterday that the firm intends to propel the activities of the group of companies into the 21st century ahead of its competitors.

To provide customers more efficient and cost effective

services, the firm has retained the expertise of Dennis A. Stickley as managing director and chief executive.

Explaining the firm's projects, Stickley said that the group of companies will become more efficient in their operations by fully computerising their various activities such as services, provision of spare parts and after sales services, including production and distribution.

To achieve this aim, the company will be concentrating on disbursing funds during the coming three years in fields such as computer hardware, software, manpower training, research and re-equipping of production

lines. Specific importance will be directed in giving customers a wider range of spare parts related to Toyota vehicles, Mack trucks, industrial excavators and other related equipment at reduced prices.

The company will be changing their corporate colours and this will be followed by revamping exteriors of showrooms, colour of the firm's vehicles and building new customer reception areas through the premises of the group.

As an added incentive to its customers, Toyota has decided that 1990 onwards, all its models will be sold with a two-year warranty or 50,000 km, Stickley said.

## We hope to bring back title: Cooper

Benson and Hedges Management Challenge

THE managerial team of three executives from Ernest & Whinney consisting of K. Cooper, I. Da Silva and D. Khullar, now prepare to look forward to the most testing challenge of their careers: namely, the Grand Final of the 1989 Benson & Hedges Management Challenge.

The team, who also participated in last year's Grand Final which was held in Penang, Malaysia, won their regional final last September by outperforming the competition of five other teams, and successfully demonstrating the computer-simulated exercise. They demonstrated beyond doubt their consistency, courage and skill, and took all the right decisions to steer their company to balanced growth and prosperity. "All we hope for is to bring back the title for our company and for Kuwait," said K. Cooper the team leader.

Following their success in their own country, the team will now travel to the UK, the heart of the business world, to face eight other Country Champions in the ultimate Challenge: The Grand Final.

The Grand Final will be held on Nov 3 and 4 at Ashridge Management College, the third and final stage of this year's Benson & Hedges Management Challenge.

The Benson & Hedges Management Challenge is held in three stages: the first in which the regional finalists compete from the Middle East; the second stage in which the winners of three executives; the third stage in which the winners of three executives go through to the second stage: The Country Finals. The Challenge organisers then visit the Middle East, to hold the regional finals, where six Country Finalists in each location manage a computer-



Kayomerd Cooper pictured with Ivan Da Silva and Deepak Khullar.

simulated company in an intensive multi-stage exercise. They have to take crucial decisions to raise productivity and profitability in an interactive atmosphere. They also have to keep an eye on pricing, promotion, expenditure and cash flow. The team with the most impressive performance is declared the Country Winner.

Nine Country winners will now meet at Ashridge Management College in the UK for the ultimate Challenge: the Grand Final, where the two-day grueling combat will decide the Grand Winner. They will, once more, manage a sophisticated business through taking critical decisions and employing advanced financial analysis. The round of judges from Benson & Hedges & Ashridge will look into more than 30 criteria, and massive sheets of data before deciding on the team, who will be declared the Grand Winner of the 1989 Benson & Hedges Management Challenge. After victory, the winners

join five other previous champions on the prestigious roll since 1984. In addition to all the experience they gain, and the distinction they achieve, the Grand Champions return home with a portfolio of gold shares worth \$10,000 for each of them, and also the Benson & Hedges gold Medal, minted of 22 carat gold by Spink & Co. of London, especially for the occasion. They also obtain a board-room trophy and a certificate of merit for their company. Other Grand Finalists also receive commemorative gold medals.

Throughout the Benson & Hedges Management Challenge, all participants gain a great deal of valuable managerial experience: they learn the value of a real-world competition and they all have fun in running their simulated companies. This emphasis on management development, which is a policy of Benson & Hedges, is the essence of the Challenge which is extended through this competition to other companies in the Middle East.



## Congratulations to the Grand Finalists of the 1989 Benson & Hedges Management Challenge

The Grand Final will be held in London on the 3rd & 4th November 1989

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## Statistics on Soviet economy misleading

MOSCOW, Oct. 29, (Reuters): The Soviet economy has been badly battered by social and labour unrest according to a report issued this weekend. The government newspaper Izvestia said the few bright statistics it contained were misleading.

The daily was analysing data released by the State Committee on Statistics (Goskomstat) on the economy's performance in the first nine months of 1989.

The figures showed that strikes, ethnic conflicts and high wages had particularly slowed the economy since July.

Imports were outstripping exports, the energy sector was in disarray and work stoppages had cost billions of roubles, particularly in the coal industry.

The figures also indicated that the Soviet grain harvest, although expected to be larger than in 1988, was proceeding more slowly than last year. One farm expert suggested losses in production could push the figure lower.

Izvestia took issue with figures showing a substantial increase in the production of consumer goods, saying this did not tally with the dire shortages of virtually all household goods, including appliances, detergents and winter clothes.

"Why are our store shelves just as empty as before?" the daily asked, saying the explanation lay in the way the figures were compiled.

Just over eight billion roubles (\$13 billion) of the increase were accounted for by liquor sales and a further six billion (\$10 billion) by price increases. Goods worth three billion roubles (\$5 billion) were siphoned off by factories to sell to their own employees, it said.

"If we add up these figures, we get 17.1 billion roubles," the newspaper said. "So what is left of the increase—9.6 billion roubles (\$15.4 billion)—not a great deal."

The failure to reduce queues outside shops and produce enough basic household items has eroded public confidence in Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's "perestroika" reforms four years after their introduction.

Recent public opinion polls revealed that most Soviet citizens feel they have gained little from the reforms.

In the farm sector, figures showed that 94 per cent of the grain harvest of between 208 and 209 million tonnes announced last week was complete, despite delays.

But agriculture expert Yuri Chervichenko told the weekly Argumenty i Fakty that the total state procurement of grain, an alternative means of measuring production, would be 30 million tonnes short of target.

It was not immediately clear to what extent this would affect the final harvest figure.

Other details revealed by Goskomstat showed the extent of damage inflicted on the economy by labour unrest, particularly in the coal industry.

Coal production was down 24 million tonnes compared to 1988 figures, largely as a result of a three-week strike last July ended by an accord providing for improved supplies of food and consumer goods to coal-producing regions.

In the far northern coal-producing region of Vorkuta, miners at one of 13 pits remained on strike for the fifth consecutive day today, a member of the strike committee told Reuters by telephone.

### EXCHANGE RATES

Indian rupee	17.900
Sri Lankan rupee	2.570
Pakistani rupee	14.210
Bangladesh taka	9.180
US dollar	29.989
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Deutsche mark	16.990
Japanese yen	002.119

## Environmentally safe products on the way

ENVIRONMENTAL problems and world-wide pollution have, and will continue to, dominate world headlines and news stories.

Toxic wastes may not be solely attributed to 20th century industrialisation, however, their effects are stimulating more concern and wider publicity nowadays. Tourism on the Adriatic coast has been decimated by a form of surface algae virtually eliminating swimming altogether. About 4,000 tonnes of Italian toxic waste was discovered in leaking barrels in the port of Koko Nigeria last year.

Oil spills are possibly the most cosmetically disarming of all pollution types, blackening hundreds of miles of coastline and destroying all forms of marine and shore life. America suffered its worst oil spill in history this year as the Exxon Valdez ran aground March 24 on Bligh Reef, Alaska, spilling 10.9 million gallons of oil.

Air pollution continues to take its toll. Motor vehicles using fuel of a remarkably high lead content gen-

BRUSSELS, Oct. 29, (Reuters): Britain is braced for a head-on clash with the rest of the European Economic Community on Monday over a draft charter of workers' rights.

Britain's 11 partners are set to back a new draft of the charter, drawn up by France to meet earlier objections, at a ministerial meeting in Brussels.

But London refuses to go along with the document, intended to give workers throughout the community a safety net of rights once barriers to free movement of capital goods and people are scrapped across the community after 1992.

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher says it is a Marxist-inspired attempt to sneak socialism into Britain through the back door.

She is at odds with her partners on plans for both political and economic integration and the political crisis at

home following Chancellor Nigel Lawson's resignation last week is likely to harden her stance, EEC officials said.

"The more she's challenged at home, the less she's able to make concessions abroad," one commented.

Lawson quit over Thatcher's determination to keep Britain out of the community's exchange rate mechanism.

The social charter was conceived as a pledge to 322 million people in Europe that the single community market would benefit them as well as business.

Heads of government will be asked to sign a solemn, but non-binding declaration endorsing it at their summit meeting in December.

This will be followed by a programme of legislation which the community's commission is currently drawing up.

Britain argues that the charter would

put up barriers to job creation when the community should be dismantling them.

France tried to coax Britain into accepting the charter at meetings preparing for Monday's vote by stressing that each country could do things its own way.

British officials concede that the new French draft is more acceptable but they say they still cannot swallow a text that would bring in regulations where none exist in Britain.

They interpret a line calling for pay "sufficient to allow a decent standard of living" as a demand for a minimum wage, which is anathema to Thatcher.

They read a clause calling for better working hours as implying maximum hours although that word was deleted from a previous draft and say proposed rights to weekly rest periods and paid holidays are unnecessary interference.

One British diplomat said bluntly: "We don't sign things we don't intend to honour. It's not a document worthy of our signature."

Thatcher, facing the gravest crisis in her decade of power, has been given grim warnings by senior colleagues to honour Britain's commitment to full membership of the European Monetary System.

A bitter row over the EMS was behind Lawson's abrupt resignation on Thursday. Thatcher's chief economic adviser, Sir Alan Walters, who has branded the EMS "half-baked" also quit.

Sir Geoffrey Howe, deputy prime minister and a possible candidate for the ruling Conservative Party leadership, gave an indirect but unmistakable warning to Thatcher on Saturday to join the exchange rate mechanism which is designed to facilitate trade and iron out currency fluctuations.

Former Defence Secretary Michael Heseltine, another possible leadership candidate, also said that Britain must join the EMS.

"We can seek a European enrichment... the alternative is to choose the touchlines," Heseltine said at a separate meeting.

Opposition Labour Party leader Neil Kinnock accused Thatcher of "confusion, division and malice" and demanded that she clarify policy.

"Is it that her whole government now resists the European Monetary System as 'half-baked'?" he asked.

Thatcher has said that Britain would eventually join the EMS but some Members of Parliament have been sceptical.

Howe said: "It is of the highest importance that her majesty's government is seen to remain committed to

that position, clearly and in good faith. "It is important not just for the credibility of our common European commitment, but for the economic health and political strength of Britain herself."

Some Conservatives were critical about Howe's remarks at such a sensitive time.

"I would have thought that after a period of uncertainty and high tension for the party that Sir Geoffrey would have avoided what appears to be a speech of challenge and question," Member of Parliament Teddy Taylor said.

The latest opinion polls make bitter reading for Thatcher.

More than half of Britain's electorate want her to quit before the next general election, according to a poll published in The Mail today.

## Thatcher gets grim warnings on EMS stance

# UK refuses to budge on workers' rights in EEC

### Imports of goods and services rise

## Soviet energy industry reeling

MOSCOW, Oct. 29, (Reuters): The Soviet energy industry is still reeling from summer strikes and the country could face its first negative trade balance since 1976 if current trends in the economy continue, official figures released today reveal.

Figures for the first nine months of 1989, released by the State Committee on Statistics or Goskomstat, show that the energy sector has not recovered from strikes which stretched from western Siberia to the Polish border and imports increased exceeded exports.

"There is an especially alarming situation in the coal industry," said Goskomstat, adding that half of all coal enterprises had failed to meet their production quotas.

At the same time, overall industrial production in the third quarter grew just one per cent against 2.7 per cent for the January to June period.

Many republics saw an overall fall in production in September compared to last year.

According to the figures, published in the government newspaper Izvestia, production of oil and gas condensate fell by 12 million tonnes, while coal was down 24 million tonnes compared to the same period last year.

Even relatively strong gas production, put at 21 billion cubic metres, could not make up for shortfalls in oil and coal, the committee said.

The growth of imports has also outstripped increases in exports since the first of the year.

For the first nine months of 1989 imports of goods and services rose 5.1 per cent to 50.4 billion roubles (\$80 billion), while exports edged up just 0.5 per cent to 49.3 billion roubles (\$78 billion).

The July strikes, which struck sympathetic chords in other industries, cost the economy an estimated three billion roubles (\$4.7 billion).

Since then there have also been political strikes in the southern Soviet Union and isolated protests in other areas, mostly sparked by local working conditions.

"From January to September of this year work discipline has fallen. Absenteeism, stoppages and labour fluctuation has grown," Goskomstat said.

In September 1.3 million man-days were lost in the republics of Georgia and Moldavia, with another one million or so in Azerbaijan, it added.

Miners at the biggest coal pit in the Arctic city of Vorkuta contin-

ued the strike they began on Wednesday in defiance of a new law banning strikes in the energy sector.

Local authorities have prepared legal action to force the workers back to the pits.

The miners were demanding that the government keep the promises that ended the July strikes and punish any officials responsible for the delays.

Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev had warned Thursday that "strong administrative measures through the prosecutor and the courts" could be taken to end the strike and promote stability.

Soviet officials have expressed concern that there will be shortages of coal for fuel and electrical generation this winter because of this year's rash of coal miners' strikes.

Tass said the court found the miners are violating provisions of the law that require conciliation and arbitration commissions to be set up before a strike occurs. It said they also violated a provision requiring a strike be approved by a vote of at least two-thirds of workers, and other unidentified provisions.

The region's coal production is only half its targeted level, and is 55,000 tons behind for the month of October, Tass said.



Dinner reception

Mohammed Merchant hosted a dinner last week at his residence in honour of P K Banerjee, resident director Indian Trade Centre (a government of India organisation), Dubai. Banerjee was visiting Kuwait to meet some potential investors and businessmen. Senior bankers and investment experts attended the reception. Picture shows from (left to right) Ramachandran, Mrs Anita Merchant, Merchant, P K Banerjee, H V Rangaswamy, Mrs Rangaswamy and Dr Sam Cherian.

## KD deposit rates steady

KUWAIT, Oct. 29, (Reuters): Kuwaiti dinar deposit rates were steady today in a dull market, dealers said.

Rates in all periods were indicated little changed at a uniform 8-1/2 1/4 per cent. Trades were reported at 8-1/2 in overnight, tomorrow-next and spot-next, but there was little other activity.

Dealers said this week's 100 million dinar (\$340 million) offering of 91-day treasury bills was unlikely to affect the market because it merely rolled over previously-issued bills.

The Central Bank left its dinar to dollar exchange rate unchanged from Saturday at 0.29813/23.

Meanwhile, Saudi riyal inter-bank deposit rates were barely changed in a typically dead market.

Dealers indicated tomorrow-next at 8-3/4, 1/4 per cent and one-week at 8-1/2, 1/8 but said there was little interest.

### Fraud and embezzlement

## Bank dealer arrested again

AMMAN, Oct. 29, (Reuters): Plainclothes security men seized the former chief dealer at a major Jordanian bank early today, a source close to dealer Ali Sarraf said.

And banking sources said the Central Bank last week effectively froze the assets of 37 companies with debts to Petra Bank and the smaller and Jordan Gulf Bank taken over by the government in August.

The source close to Sarraf said about six men came to his home at 1 am (2300 GMT on Saturday), searched it, and left with the dealer at 2.45 am.

The men, who had a search warrant, said they were military police and were taking Sarraf to their headquarters.

Sarraf, chief dealer at Petra Bank until the government took it over on August 3, was first arrested after the takeover and held without charge for 28 days until he was freed in September.

Jordanian officials have said an investigation has uncovered fraud and embezzlement at Petra, the country's second biggest commercial bank, and Finance Minister Bael Jardaneh has said at least \$68 million was unaccounted for.

A central bank circular to banks on October 24 prohibited the 37 companies from disposing of their assets, including shares, land and deposits, except with permission of the government-appointed committee managing the two banks.

The companies listed include moneychangers, hotel and tourism businesses, industrial enterprises, investment concerns and export-import firms.

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# Ray of hope for burned patients

SEVERELY burned patients may be able to "grow" new skin even if the outer layer of their own is destroyed, say doctors who are cultivating cells from patients' healthy skin in layers of cow protein.

The skin is much more similar to human skin than when you just use (human) cells alone," said Dr John Hansbrough, director of the burn centre at the University of California's San Diego Medical Centre. "When we put this on the patient and it takes and grows," he said, "there are certain structural proteins formed that anchor the skin to the body... very early, and that's the real breakthrough."

The new technique shows evidence of allowing a graft to anchor to the body within nine days, compared with the "four weeks to six months to a year" for cultured human skin cells alone to attach fully to the body, Hansbrough said in a telephone interview.

The grafts produced by the new technique also appear to be stronger and more resilient, an advantage not only for the patient but also in the laboratory, where the fragility of grafts from cultured skin cells alone causes many grafts to be lost, the researchers said.

The new technique will take three to five years to develop for general use, but it has the potential of helping thousands of patients annually who are burned over 60 per cent of their bodies or more, Hansbrough said.

It promises not only to save patients who die because doctors are unable to harvest enough healthy skin from them before they succumb to infections, but it could reduce medical costs by greatly cutting down the amount of time patients need to spend in intensive care, he said.

At \$3,000 to \$5,000 a day for intensive care, "if we could eliminate even one month of hospitalization, that would be \$100,000," he said.

Hansbrough and his colleagues, Steven Boyce of the University of Cincinnati Medical Centre, and Dr Matthew Cooper and Tanya Foreman of the University of California-San Diego, published their findings in the Nov 20 Journal of the American Medical Association.

The researchers used a lattice-work of cow or ox collagen, a protein that is one of the main building materials in animal tissues, and laced it with human building materials in animal tissues, and laced it with human cells of fibroblast, connective tissue that gives skin its resilience. They then placed a layer of outer human skin cells on top and cultivated the graft in the laboratory.

Animal collagen was used because it is readily available and is virtually identical to the cell level to human collagen, Hansbrough said.

An editorial accompanying the study acknowledged the new skin-grafting technique's apparent advantages of rapid anchoring to the body and easier handling in the laboratory.

More than one-third of the cultures are lost, compared with 40 per cent to 50 per cent of human-skin-only cultures lost, said the editorial by Dr David Woodley of the Stanford University school of medicine in Stanford, California.

Unanswered questions about the new technique include whether it promotes faster development of circulation in the graft than those in current use, and whether the technique will work as well on large areas of skin as it does on the small ones used in the study.



Actor Al Pacino

# Pacino to play cop

Stars in Sea of Love

It has to happen to everyone in the end... even tough veteran gangster star Al Pacino. The mid-life crisis.

The dark, Latin looks are wrinkled by a worried frown in 49-year-old Pacino's latest movie, Sea of Love. He plays Frank Keller, a lonely, ageing detective, who is reduced to meeting a girl through a personal advertisement in the paper.

But, even though he falls in love with sultry Ellen Barkin over the fruit and vegetables in a supermarket, the relationship leads to yet more problems for him. Because, in the film, Pacino is a 20-year veteran of the New York City police force investigating a baffling murder case.

And blonde Ellen, by an amazing coincidence, turns out to be his prime suspect. It sure mixes him up... as heart fights duty.

As Frank reaches retirement age, he realises there is nothing else in his life except his work. Screenwriter Richard Price says: "Being a policeman is the only job I know where you can mark the actual day and hour of your mid-life crisis."

"If you've been on the force since May 23, 1968, you know that on May 24, 1988, you can retire at half-pay."

Price explains: "Frank wakes up one o'clock on the morning of his officially sanctioned, municipally-ordained mid-life crisis. He realises that his life is not going to change except by encroaching senility and feebleness."

"And he wants to feel something new and exciting happening. There's got to be some

change to forestall that feeling of death. And what can forestall death? Love."

And love can be elusive. But would it be so hard to find, that a girl as beautiful as Ellen Barkin, who plays Helen, would have to advertise in a lonelyhearts column?

This was the question that, at first, worried screenwriter Price. He explains: "I realised that you have to have a character in a life situation, one that seems reasonable. Now I realise why Helen having to advertise would be reasonable."

"A single woman with a kid can't get out of the house. The only people she meets are those she works with and, if she's not working, she's at home with the child. That's life for single parents. They don't get a chance to meet people socially."

And producer Martin Bregman adds: "When I started this project, I hadn't realised the extent to which people meet through personal columns or dating services. It's a major avenue for forming relationships with the opposite sex for successful people in their upper 20s and 30s."

In the movie, described as "an erotic suspense thriller", the lonely detective discovers a sea of women who, like himself, are looking for love.

Working as a detective with Pacino on the murder case is John Goodman, who is Rosanne Barr's television husband.

Another middle-aged male with a demanding career. Just the sort of man about which Eighties movies are made...

As an elderly woman lay dying in hospital, she held out her arms to the frail man at her bedside.

He whispered: "I love you."

She replied softly: "Forgive me."

The emotional deathbed reunion between former Russian spy Nora Murray and her estranged husband ex-diplomat John, spelled "the end" to an incredible story of espionage, love and bitterness.

As they kissed in that London hospital they became sweethearts again after 30 years apart. At last John, now 81, was together again with the spy who loved him.

He stayed at the bedside of the once-beautiful Russian woman as she lay stricken with cancer. John said at her comforting "Spokoini, spokoini — peace, peace."

Later, at her own home, 70-year-old Nora slipped into a coma and died.

So ended the love story that began in Moscow in World War Two. It started when beautiful, blonde Nora, then aged 21, was sent by the secret police to ensnare John, handsome secretary to the British Air Attache.

But the couple shocked both Russian and British authorities by genuinely falling in love.

Amazingly, they married and fled to England in a danger-packed voyage aboard an Arctic convoy. In Britain they married again had three sons and later each wrote a book about their adventure.

Nora became a celebrity. Her circle of friends included Greta Garbo, the actress Vivienne Leigh and actor Anthony Steele. She was granted a personal audience by Pope Pious XII.

Then came a bitter argument and estrangement that was as melodramatic as the couple's romance had once been.

Nora left John and went to live nearby. She never allowed the boys — John, Peter and Leroy — to mention their father's name.

John, who lives in Camden Town, North London, recalled: "We lived less than a mile apart but we never even passed in the street during the last 30 years."

For the last 15 years of her life, Nora lived with writer Jan DeJidde but never remarried. For, in spite of the bitterness, John would always be the great love of her life.

When Nora fell ill and was taken to hospital, John's sons told him she was dying. At his simply-furnished maisonette, John said: "I just thought, 'Damn, I've got to see her.'"

"That night, I went to the hospital with Peter. When he came out of Nora's room he was crying. I asked him, 'Do you think Mum will see me now?' But Peter shrugged his shoulders."

"I knew I wouldn't care if she was angry with me. I had to see her. I just walked to her and said, 'Nora, darling, I want to kiss her and she started to ask me to forgive her. I said, 'No, you forgive me. But don't let's talk about that. I'm here and I love you.'"

"Nora broke down and cried. She held me in her arms, stroked my hair and said, 'I will always love you'."

John, weeping at the memory, spent that night with Nora, whispering to her in Russian. He explained: "I did everything I could to soothe Nora. You see, she was a unique woman and always denied illness. So she refused to take morphine to ease the pain."

"She was an amazing character, always brightly dressed and often quite outrageous. She was a free thinker with a poetic mind and a great belief in life. They used to call Nora The Russian Queen of St. Pancras, which is where we lived. It broke my heart to see her like this."

John and Jan decided to take Nora home to die. At her place in Somers Town, North London, which she had made into a little Russian palace, they nursed her

# An incredible story of espionage Emotional deathbed reunion



John with a portrait of the woman he loved, but didn't see for 30 years



Soy Nora Murray



Nora and John's wedding portrait.

together. John told me: "I knew that was where Nora wanted to be. She lived there with Jan, and I was quite happy she had someone who really loved her."

Just two days before she died, Nora spoke her last words. She told John: "It's you I love."

A Scottish piper played Nora's favourite hymn, Amazing Grace, at her funeral. Scotland always had a special place in her heart because that was where she and John first arrived in Britain after fleeing from Russia.

So ended a tumultuous life. A life that began like a scene from the movie Dr Zhivago. For Nora was brought into the world on an armoured troop train by Bolshevik soldiers in 1919. At the time, they were under fire from White Russian troops.

Her childhood was laced with more drama. When Nora was only seven, her mother committed suicide. And her father, a major, in the secret police, was inexplicably flung into jail and shot.

When she grew up, the girl with the grey-green eyes and lively mind found a place as a language student at Moscow University. And that is when John and Nora's amazing love story began.

One night the secret police called at her home and took her to their headquarters. In the Foreign Espionage Section, Nora was handed a folder containing a photograph of John Murray and an amazingly intimate dossier on him.

John said: "It told Nora what sort of woman I liked and what sort of sex life I had. They said to her, 'See that man, he's a dangerous British agent. You're to

contact him and bring him here. We don't mind how you do it. That's your business'."

The secret police then codenamed their lovely new spy "The Swallow."

The couple first met at a party at the British embassy. John recalled: "Nora was with two other Russian girls. There was much laughing and gesticulating, as none of them spoke English. It was Nora who caught my attention."

"In contrast to the other girls, who soon made themselves at home, she seemed very shy and reserved."

"The others were heavily made-up and drank and smoked a lot. But Nora wore no make-up and neither drank or smoked. She had a fair complexion and high cheek-bones."

"I was introduced to her but didn't speak to her after that."

"When the three girls left, shortly after midnight, I only felt curious as to how they came to be allowed to have contact with people like ourselves. As far as Nora and myself were concerned, it certainly wasn't love at first sight."

Nora, obeying orders, continually telephone John. Reluctantly he agreed to meet her. He recalled: "I told her when we met that I said to stop bothering me. I said I knew she had been sent to spy on me and told her to go back to her secret police."

But, Nora explained she would be in trouble if she did not keep up their friendship, John felt sorry for her and, to keep the police happy, agreed that she could help him with his Russian.

Sometimes the couple would stroll in the park or travel on the

Metro Underground. They began to spend more and more time together. And, when suddenly Nora had to go away, John realised that he had fallen in love with her.

John told me: "I became determined not to leave Russia without Nora." And, incredibly, the couple decided to defy the authorities of both their countries and get married before they went to Britain.

John added: "I had to resign from my post there and then. The diplomats had no time for someone who was marrying the wrong sort. And Nora was lucky to escape from the Russian security force with her life."

But then in 1942, the lovers achieved the impossible, getting permission from both Russian leader Stalin and Secret Police Chief Beria to marry in the Arctic port of Archangel. John recalled: "It was a godforsaken place, covered in ice and snow and full of labour camp prisoners."

Because of the shortage of smart clothes in Russia, Nora borrowed one of John's tweed suits for the wedding. Her bride's outfit was completed by a threadbare coat and a fur hat.

The simple ceremony was conducted in a small room. The couple stood with a bust of Karl Marx on one side of them, one of Lenin on the other and a huge portrait of Stalin, imposed on a red flag above them. They walked arm-in-arm to a local hotel for the wedding reception.

Then the newly-weds went abroad a troopship for the perilous voyage to Britain. At that time the Arctic convoys were being savaged by German U-boats and aircraft.

Just 30 miles out, their ship hit a block of ice, smashing the propeller. They anchored while a new one was flown from England. Meanwhile, divers had to risk exploding anti-submarine depth charges with which the ship was armed as they blasted the damaged propeller off with dynamite.

John recalled: "I don't know how our convoy survived. Three times we were picked out by German spotter planes. But, as we waited, horrified, to be attacked, a thick fog came down. We shut off the ship's engines and lay low."

"And so we were saved. It took 30 days to make a voyage that should have taken only 14."

Back in Britain John and Nora, afraid their Russian marriage might not be legal, married again at a London register office. Nora became Britain's first Russian bride.

The couple settled down in London and had three sons. John told me: "No-one really understood at the time what we had gone through just to be with each other."

Nora became a celebrity in 1950 after writing her autobiography I Spied For Stalin. John wrote his story: A Spy Called Swallow, in 1978.

It was in 1958 that the couple's marriage crumbled. It happened after Nora heard John calling the Russian secret police "murderers," at a party.

John said: "Later we had a huge argument. Nora took what I had said as a slight against her father, whom she adored. He had been in the secret police."

"She sulked for a few days and then packed her bags and went, leaving me with the three boys."

# Khaddafi's dream of greening Libya taking shape

# Man-made river project in Ajdabiya: extravagance or necessity?

AJDABIYA, Libya, Oct 29, (AP): After five years and billions of dollars, Moammar Khaddafi dream of greening Libya is taking shape in the form of giant water pipes across the desert.

Government propaganda banners strung around this desert outpost, where a workshop churns out mammoth pipes for the \$24-billion project, proclaim it as "the great river, the eighth wonder" and "miracle of the 20th century."

It's simply "the biggest engineering project in the world," said John Collins, director of government affairs for the British consultant firm Brown and Root (UK) Ltd., which advises on the project.

As designed, the artificial river will spring from a huge lake, or aquifer, beneath the desert far south of Ajdabiya, which itself is 100 miles (160 kilometres) south of the Mediterranean coastal city Benghazi.

Entering pipes from 270 wells, the water will flow into an enormous reservoir at Ajdabiya. From there, pipelines will distribute the water along the coast far to the north, where most of Libya's 4 million people live, to satisfy drinking and industrial needs, and irrigate 150,000 hectares (375,000 acres).

"I think it's realistic. The whole coastal area used to be the Roman granary of Europe," Brown and Root's Collins said by telephone from London.

Oil prospectors discovered the aquifer, a lake encased in underground rock, in Libya's southern desert in the early 1960s. Satellite photographs later gave a hint of its size, showing that it extends south and east into Chad and Sudan and west into Algeria.

Army officers under Khaddafi's command ended the monarchy and began

changing Libyan society in 1969. More than a decade later Khaddafi got around to his great man-made river project. Construction began in 1984.

The Libyan project chief, Mohammed Al Mangoush, said "the initial cost is very large." But he said the only other way to fully use the aquifer "would have been to move the people to the south."

And, he said, the aquifer must be used. "The aquifer is so big, we believe it's sufficient for more than a thousand years at the present rate of consumption," Al Mangoush said. "Water for us is vital. We have no other choice."

The idea is to promote self-sufficiency in agricultural products by converting coastal swamps and other sterile regions in the north. Libya currently imports more than 80 per cent of its food, a heavy burden in a country facing greatly reduced oil revenues.

Heavily promoted through television, publications, billboards and banners across the country, the concept apparently won many people's hearts despite the price tag.

Government officials claim hundreds of Libyans offered money and gold to help finance the project.

The project is divided into five phases. The first two will cost \$9 billion, Al Mangoush said, and supply the major cities: Benghazi, Sirte and Tripoli. The first segment is to be completed in a little less than a year.

Another \$15 billion are to be poured into the network before the system is scheduled for full operation in about a decade.

"This is one man's dream," said Neville Atherton of Brown and Root, the project's

senior on-site draftsman. "This is (Khaddafi's) dream, and he's seeing it come true."

On Sept 11, the first gush of water into the pipes leading to Ajdabiya's reservoir was celebrated dramatically, on nationwide television.

Folk dancing and patriotic songs heralded it at Ajdabiya, where 9 billion gallons (4 million cubic metres) of water are to be stocked before distribution through a vast pipeline network.

Watching on television, Libyans rejoiced.

"This shows that the project is a success," said a shopkeeper in Benghazi who dislikes most of Khaddafi's policies. "The water actually came in all the way from the aquifer."

However, according to engineers here, the water was not from the new system at

all but was pumped from old wells to coincide with the 20th anniversary of Khaddafi's revolution.

About 10,000 South Koreans and Thais work at various project sites for Dong Ah Construction Industrial Co., lead company of the construction consortium.

Safety instructions in both languages cover the walls of the factory producing the world's second-largest concrete pipes. Caution signs at camel crossings on nearby desert roads are in Korean.

The Libyans seem undisturbed by the prospect that, like the Asian contractors and workers imported to build the project, outsiders might have to farm newly arable land.

"We will try to use Libyan labour as much as possible," said Beshir Al Saleh, representing Libya at Brown and Root's London office.

## Author baffled Shirer tackles Tolstoy mystery

LENOX, Massachusetts, Oct. 29. (AP) Mahatma Gandhi told him how to meditate. Adolf Hitler taught him how to work in a society of fear. Now, American journalist William Shirer is tackling the mystery of Leo Tolstoy, who walked into the Moscow night and never returned.

At 85, Shirer could bask in the memories of a career spanning such milestones as Lindbergh's trans-Atlantic landing in Paris, Gandhi's India and World War II. But the author of *The Rise and Fall of the Third Reich* is too busy planning his next project to think about retirement.

"In a sense a writer never stops. He probably should," Shirer joked. "It's awfully difficult to stop, you know, as long as you have your marbles."

In five years, Shirer says, he may give up his daily routine of writing each morning in a house in western Massachusetts stacked with books, papers and the diaries he used to write most of 15 books.

But until then there's a book to be written about why Tolstoy walked out on his wife at age 82, dying a few days later. It's a question that has baffled Shirer for 20 years.

"How could this happen to such a great man?" he says. The journalist has lived quietly in the Berkshire mountains since a brief second marriage in the 1970s. In 1987, he married again, to his 50-year-old Russian teacher, Irina Lugovskaya, who is helping him with the Tolstoy research.

In a recent interview, Shirer recalled his career, starting in 1925 with a trip to Europe after graduation from Coe College in Iowa.

"All the students that year were going to Paris," he recalled. "America at that time had prohibition and Coolidge was in the White House with his insane ideas if any."

The night before he planned to return to the United States, Shirer was hired by the Paris office of the *Chicago Tribune*. He was later fired and was again on

the brink of returning when CBS Radio hired him.

While covering Hitler's Germany, part of the nightmare was the dangerous task of getting information about the Third Reich, he said.

"A lot of our work was contacts with the opposition which wasn't very much," he said. "We had to get out and get the story from pastors and priests and bishops and people like that."

Protecting those sources was a constant fear, he said.

And, he said he wasn't always successful in convincing American editors about the horrors of the events unfolding in Europe. Shortly before war broke out, he was scheduled to do a feature on a dance festival, but balked at the assignment.

"It was the most horrible taste in the world," he said.

Shirer, who covered India before going to Germany, said Gandhi, who tried to teach him meditation, provided a great contrast to Hitler.

"It's sort of ironic that in my journalistic career that the two great men that I spent most of my life covering were Gandhi and Hitler. Both of them geniuses, but Hitler an evil genius," he said.

He experienced the German leader's famed charisma first-hand at an art lecture in Nuremberg in 1934.

"It was a gloomy, dank church, it was Sunday evening, and he was talking about art, about which he knew absolutely nothing except that it was bad, and for two hours he spoke without a note and he held this audience absolutely," Shirer said.

By 1940 it was time to get out of Berlin and Shirer went, becoming a radio commentator for CBS.

But his return to the United States in the post-war era was painful. Senator Joe McCarthy was stirring up fears and accusing many people of being Communist sympathizers. Shirer was accused and blacklisted.



The straw dishes

Foudda Al Wadi, 57, putting final touches on a straw dish at her small workshop in the central Damascus handicrafts market which is used by some villages for serving food instead of table. Some buy these dishes to hang them in their houses as a decoration.

(Reuters wirephoto)

## Dutch royals popular Insulting monarchy is a crime

INSULTING the monarchy is a crime in the Netherlands, a 24-year-old Dutchman learned recently. He was fined 500 guilders (\$230) for a window poster depicting Queen Beatrix as a pig.

The Royal House of Orange, whose fortunes have been entwined with the low countries for 400 years, remains a source of pride for most Dutch. Periodic polls show the public overwhelmingly favors the constitutional monarchy.

The Orange family belongs to the antique furniture that we've inherited, and it would be unwise to do away with it — they might be very valuable," Groningen University historian Coenraad Tamse said. "They offer a simple icon of the continuity of Dutch national identity."

Since 1898, the Dutch have been led by three queens: Dour Wilhelmina, a symbol of hope during the five-year Nazi occupation, motherly Juliana, who abdicated in 1980, and now Beatrix, who has a strong sense of her role in Dutch life.

An attractive woman with the characteristic ruddy cheeks of her countrymen, Beatrix is unpretentious in public, and dresses like a prosperous middle-class matron.

She and her husband Claus, a former West German diplomat, mix easily with the Dutch public and avoid extravagance.

The 51-year-old Beatrix has only one direct task in government. After general elections, she appoints the official responsible for forming a government.

But the queen meets every Monday morning with Premier Ruud Lubbers and has at least one extensive policy discussion a week with other cabinet ministers. She issues periodic statements co-ordinated with the government but does not initiate policy.

"She knows her files, and she can be a tough taskmaster for people who aren't at least as well prepared as she is," a source close to the royal family said.

Beatrix and her family live in Huis Ten Bosch (House in the Woods), a palace and estate in The Hague visible from a nearby highway. Three sons study in the nation's state-run university system, and roam with friends near their schools.

Although the royal family is more remote than in the reign of Juliana, there were outpourings of public sympathy when Claus suffered a nervous breakdown in 1983. His illness got detailed coverage in the Dutch media via official bulletins.

Unlike her mother Juliana, who was addressed by the simple "ma'am," Beatrix insists on being called "majesty" to emphasize respect for the monarchy.

"Beatrix has a very strong notion of historical continuity, even though nothing could be further apart than the role of 16th century William and hers," said Fred Lammer, an author and authority on Dutch royalty.

Prince William of Orange championed the Dutch fight for independence from Spain, and his sons, Maurits and Frederick Hendrik, eventually led the rebel provinces to victory in 1648.

The House of Orange filled the post of Stadtholder, the highest administrative and military job, until 1795, when Napoleon's troops occupied the country. In 1813, the Oranges were restored to power in the newly formed Kingdom of the Netherlands.

The family's current hallowed image dates from Wilhelmina, Beatrix's grandmother. She was groomed to personify "the supposed Dutch national traits: virtuousness, diligence, charity, religiosity, and aversion to violence," Tamse said in an interview.

Wilhelmina's bond with her people was irrevocably forged by her frequent morale-boosting radio speeches from her London exile during World War II.

Since the war, the House of Orange has experienced several scandals, but its image hasn't suffered permanent harm.

During the 1950s, there was Queen Juliana's reported dependence on a faith healer, attributed to depression over the near blindness of her daughter Princess Christina, born in 1947.

In 1964, daughter Princess Irene enraged Protestant factions by rejecting the royal family's Dutch reformed faith to convert to Roman Catholicism so she could marry Prince Carlos Hugo de Bourbon-Parma, a pretender to the Spanish throne.

## Copenhagen planetarium is baker's dream come true

AFTER a lifetime selling cakes in a modest district of Copenhagen, 83-year-old Helge Pedersen's dream has come true.

He and his wife have built a planetarium. The 38-metre (125-ft) high cylindrical building, complete with state-of-the-art computers and a vast projection dome, opens on November 1 and 60,000 people have already snapped up tickets to see it.

The baker from working-class west Copenhagen and his wife Bodil, heiress to a fortune from Denmark's leading biotechnology and pharmaceuticals company, managed to raise 100 millions crowns (\$14 million) for the project.

Both ardent amateur astronomers, for years they spent their days baking and their nights gazing at the

stars.

Once retired they pooled their life savings — 50 million crowns — and borrowed the same amount again to pay for the building, which stands on the shores of a lake a stone's throw from the centre of the Danish capital.

The planetarium, filled with high precision instruments, is named after the 16th century Danish astronomer Tycho Brahe, who was himself famed for his precise measurements of the stars.

A special made computer-controlled projector will display 9,000 stars on a 23-metre (75-ft) diameter domed screen to audiences of up to 270 people.

The computer can also reconstruct the night sky

as it was 2,000 years ago — or in Brahe's time — giving audiences a front row view of the universe.

"True to the Brahe tradition, our aim is to broadcast knowledge on the latest developments in astronomy," chief astronomer Hans Fogh Olsen said.

"We plan to show 100 films on astronomy and space exploration and our new revolutionary star projector, built for us in West Germany, is the jewel in the planetarium's crown," he added.

The Copenhagen planetarium is the largest in Western Europe. The world biggest, in Moscow, has a dome two metres wider in diameter.

About 1,000 planetariums have been established world-wide since the first was built in Chicago in

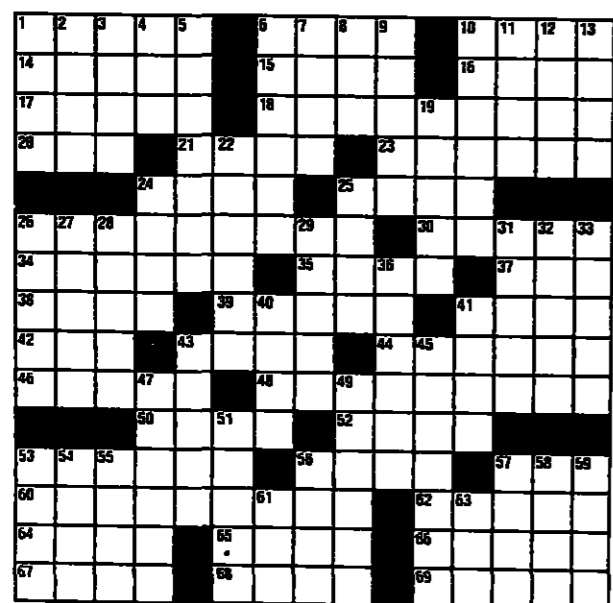
1930 and the Copenhagen one expects to profit from a current wave of public interest in astronomy by drawing over 400,000 visitors annually.

Brahe himself is currently arousing interest — not in astronomers but archaeologists. Experts have begun excavations at the ruins of his observatory on the island of Ven, now Swedish territory.

The archaeologists hope to reconstruct how Brahe built what was the world's first modern observatory. It was from there that he proved that the stars were not fixed.

At six million Swedish crowns (\$990,000) the excavation and reconstruction of the ruins at Uraniborg castle come rather cheaper than the fulfilment of the Pedersen's dream.

### TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- 1 Ascend
  - 6 Book holder
  - 10 Inst. on the Hudson
  - 14 High nest
  - 15 Ardor
  - 16 Praise
  - 17 Position
  - 18 February offering
  - 20 "H.M. Putnam,
  - 21 Heron's cousin
  - 23 Stored away
  - 24 Black Sea arm
  - 25 Astronaut
  - 26 Item in a holiday basket
  - 30 Chambers
  - 34 "See you later"
  - 35 Lanai party
  - 37 "Krazy —"
  - 38 Journey
  - 39 Trojan War epic
  - 41 Capitol Hill worker
  - 42 Mel of the Giants
  - 43 King Ibn —
  - 44 Crested European bird
  - 48 Outdated
  - 48 Wedding day event
  - 50 Chief island of the Seychelles
  - 52 God of war
  - 53 Possessions
  - 56 Actress Anna
  - 57 Jones's partner
  - 60 July Fourth sight
  - 62 Make off in the night
  - 64 " — Misbehavin' "
  - 65 Creep
  - 66 Part of HRE
  - 67 Shoshoneans
  - 68 Little chap
- DOWN**
- 2 Allow
  - 3 Site of Basra
  - 4 " — and Bill"
  - 5 Dress gaudily
  - 6 Bring back
  - 7 Too bad!
  - 8 "Silent —"
  - 9 Coolidge
  - 9 Mournful sound
  - 10 In the last month
  - 11 Commented
  - 12 Portrayer of Zola and Pasteur
  - 13 Yemen port
  - 19 Pleasant Island
  - 22 Italian noblewoman
  - 24 At the summit
  - 25 Water, on the Rio Grande
  - 26 Bar, legally
  - 27 Major artery
  - 28 Skirt features
  - 29 Skim
  - 31 Giraffe's cousin
  - 32 Backus' Mr. —
  - 33 17th cen. Dutch painter Jan
  - 36 Cing
  - 40 Attract
  - 41 Chef's needs
  - 43 Former treaty org.
  - 45 Corkscrews, e.g.
  - 47 Sings
  - 49 Rustlers' take
  - 51 Dramatist Ben
  - 53 Twin of Jacob
  - 54 Sketch
  - 55 TV star Daily
  - 56 Solicit
  - 57 Capitol feature
  - 58 October birthstone
  - 59 Departed
  - 61 Means of access
  - 63 Cut off

### ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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**NORTH**

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♦ A 5 2

♣ 7 3 2

**WEST**

♠ K J 9 6 3

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♣ J 9 8 5

**EAST**

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♦ 10 8 6

♣ Q 10 6

**SOUTH**

♠ A 4

♥ Q 10 8

♦ K J 9 4 3

♣ A K 4

The bidding:

South West North East

1 NT Pass 2 NT Pass

3 NT Pass 4 NT Pass

Opening lead: Six of ♣

Don't be in a rush to take a finesse—that should be your last resort. First see whether there's some other line available.

With a perfectly balanced hand, it is usually advisable to forgo searching for a possible 4-4 major fit.

North's raise to two no trump was invitational, and South's 17 points and five-card suit were more than enough for acceptance.

West led a normal fourth-best spade, and declarer could count six fast tricks. Either red suit could be developed for the three tricks needed, but declarer could not afford to lose a finesse—there was only one card lower than the six of spades outstanding, so the probable spade distribution was 5-3, although 4-4 was a possibility. If the finesse lost, the defenders would almost surely be able to collect four spade tricks and set the contract.

There is, however, a line of play that gives declarer a considerable extra edge. South should rely on the heart finesse, but before tackling that suit the ace and king of diamonds should be cashed.

If the queen of diamonds drops doubleton, or if West has a singleton queen, the whole diamond suit can be brought in without loss—and nine tricks are there without having to risk a finesse. If the queen doesn't come down, declarer falls back on the heart finesse in an attempt to rake in the contract.

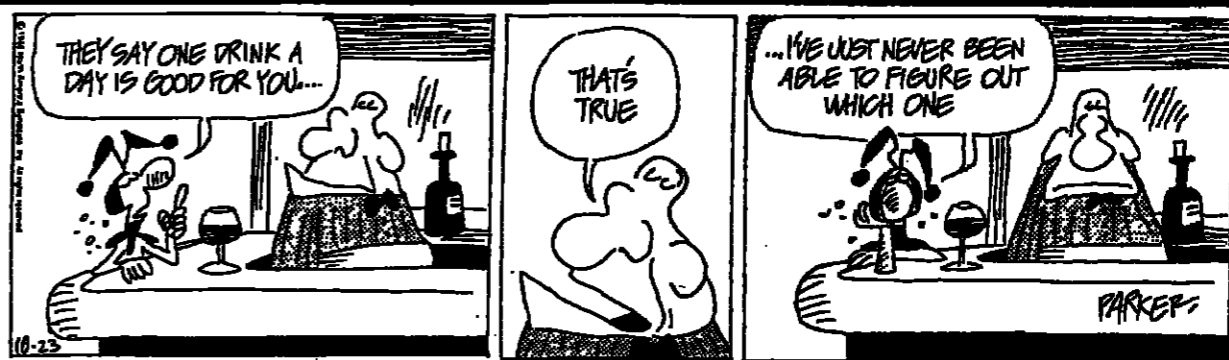
Note that, as the cards lie, the queen does come down. Also, both finesses were scheduled to fail, so taking either would have led to defeat.



"There's a bottle of wine on here that's more than our mortgage payment!"

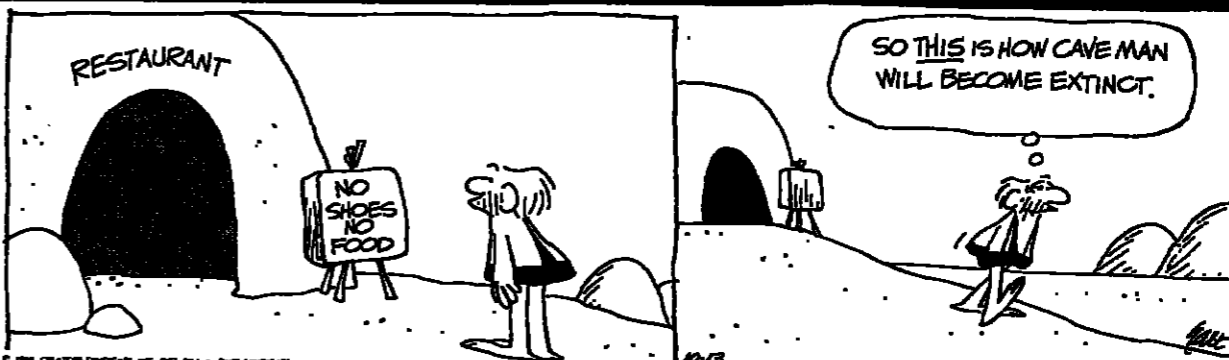
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By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



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By Johnny Hart



### YOUR STARS

<p><b>Aries (March 20 - April 18)</b></p> <p>You will have plenty of energy but you must not dissipate it. Do not let secondary matters take up too much time. Use a little more commonsense. Be sensible.</p>	<p><b>Cancer (June 21 - July 21)</b></p> <p>You will be receptive to new information and should take the opportunity to learn. You must make sure you get enough rest, but that does not mean being lethargic. You should beware of playing with fire. Be conservative.</p>	<p><b>Libra (Sept 22 - Oct. 22)</b></p> <p>You will be better able to deal with practical matters. Your private life will take a turn for the better. Try to keep things simple. Be helpful.</p>	<p><b>Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 19)</b></p> <p>On the whole this is going to be a good day for you, but watch out for hidden snags. Make sure you do not do anything which your partner would not like. Be aware.</p>
<p><b>Taurus (April 19 - May 19)</b></p> <p>You will find something that is of great interest to you. However, chores must not be forgotten. You will be able to make the right choice. Be tactful.</p>	<p><b>Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)</b></p> <p>You will have to spend a little time on your own but it will not be too bad. Things have turned out better than you thought they would. You will be able to give your children a good example. Be reasonable.</p>	<p><b>Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov. 21)</b></p> <p>You will tend to become sidetracked and should do your best to combat the tendency. The Moon's better influence will help you to overcome a personal problem. Do not do more than one thing at a time. Be kind.</p>	<p><b>Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb. 18)</b></p> <p>You are all too liable to put off until later what should be done now. Your lucky numbers are 8 and 24. Do not allow yourself to get caught up with trivialities. Mars' influence will help you to avoid a pitfall. Be reliable.</p>
<p><b>Gemini (May 20 - June 20)</b></p> <p>You should have a little more faith in yourself. You will be able to do something about improving your financial position. Do not believe all you hear and look twice before deciding to purchase. Be truthful.</p>	<p><b>Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)</b></p> <p>Also for the sake of your teeth avoid eating too many sweet things. You could well be blamed for something which you did not do. Try not to complicate matters further than is necessary. Be moderate.</p>	<p><b>Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)</b></p> <p>You are liable to spend too much time watching television. You should not stray from what is strictly practical. Make sure you do not do anything that is obviously injurious to your health. Be considerate.</p>	<p><b>Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)</b></p> <p>You should make every effort to behave sensibly. Avoid all kinds of resentment and jealousy. Do not permit work to be the predominant factor in your life. Be loving.</p>

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## COLLEGE FOOTBALL

## Florida avenge defeats

NEW YORK, Oct. 29. (AP) Top-ranked Notre Dame did its part to set up a 1-2 shootout with runnerup Miami next month but the Hurricanes failed to co-operate.

But the Orange Bowl's long-range plans include — hopefully — a dream game between No. 1 Notre Dame and the winner of next week's big eight showdown between No. 3 Colorado and No. 4 Nebraska, who figure to move up in the rankings following Miami's demise.

The list of unbeaten-united teams was reduced to five when ninth-ranked Florida State avenged its only losses of 1987 and 1988 by defeating No. 2 Miami, Fla. 24-10.

Earlier, Notre Dame (7-0) trounced No. 7 Pitt 45-7, Colorado (8-0) beat Oklahoma 20-3 and Nebraska (8-0) whipped Iowa State 49-17. Sixth-ranked Alabama (7-0) barely retained its perfect state by nipping No. 14 Penn State 17-16 thanks to a 6-foot-7 Thomas Rayson block of a chip-shot 17-yard field goal attempt in the closing seconds and unranked Fresno State (8-0) turned back Nevada-Las Vegas 31-17.

Notre Dame acted like perfect gentlemen — until the game began, when the Irish handed Pitt its worst beating in 18 years. There were no ugly pregame incidents like last week's skirmish with Southern Cal.

The Irish left that to Miami, its pregame combatant a year ago. The Hurricanes showed plenty of fight before their game with Florida State but their performance was somewhat lacking.

After the coin toss, Miami players tried to block Florida State mascot chief Osceola from riding his appaloosa horse to midfield and planting the traditional flaming spear into the Seminoles' logo.

The Hurricanes eventually had to be pushed away by their coaches and security guards to allow the horse and rider through. After he planted the spear, the teams exchanged taunts on the field.

Notre Dame dominated Pitt in every area, combining a stifling defense and a relentless rushing attack.

"Notre Dame just whipped us in every area," Pitt coach Mike Gottfried said.

"I never dreamt this would happen in my wildest dreams," said Notre Dame coach Lou Holtz, whose team ramblined for 310 yards against the nation's 10th best rushing defense, led by Raghib "Rocket" Ismail (74), Tony Rice (69) and Ricky Watters (54).

Pitt managed 302 yards in total defense, but 68 came on the opening drive when the Panthers took a 7-0 lead on an 8-yard pass from Alex van Pelt to fullback Ronald Redmon.

Notre Dame owned the rest of the game, scoring twice on Pitt turnovers and stretching college football's longest current winning streak to 20 games, one short of school record.

Notre Dame free safety Pat Tynell returned an interception 54 yards for a 17-7 halftime lead, one of three interceptions suffered by Pitt freshman Alex van Pelt, who completed 16 of 33 passes for 170 yards. Pitt also lost a fumble; Notre Dame did not commit a turnover.

Notre Dame got a first-quarter safety when Van Pelt slipped and fell in the end zone as he dropped back to pass from the 3. The Irish took a 10-7 lead later in the period on the first of Rodney Culver's two 1-yard touchdowns, plunges and Rice's 3-point conversion run.

Ismail added a touchdown on a 50-yard run, the longest of his career, as Notre Dame scored three touchdowns in the third quarter for a 38-7 lead. The Irish got their first third-period touchdown after Scott Kowalkowski stripped the ball from Van Pelt. Watters scored on a 2-yard run.

The Nov. 25 Notre Dame-Miami game lost some of its luster when Florida State ended the Hurricanes' 13-game winning streak as line-backer Kirk Carruthers had two interceptions, recovered a fumble and forced another.

The Seminoles shredded Miami's top-ranked defense for 354 yards, including 220 on the ground, triggered by Dexter Carter's 37-yard touchdown run on the Seminoles' first play from scrimmage after Leroy Butler intercepted a Gino Torretta pass. Florida State's defense intercepted Torretta four times and forced turnovers on five consecutive Miami drives in the second and third periods.

After leading 14-10 at halftime, the Seminoles pulled away in the third quarter with a 99-yard drive that ended when freshman Amp Lee scored on a 1-yard run.

"This probably cost us a national championship," Miami coach Dennis Erickson said. "You can't turn the ball over as many times as we did and expect to beat an outstanding team."

In other games involving ranked teams, it was No. 5 Michigan 38, Indiana 10; No. 8 Illinois 32, Wisconsin 9; No. 10 Southern California 19, Stanford 0; No. 11 Tennessee 45, LSU 39; No. 13 Arkansas 45, No. 12 Houston 39; No. 15 West Virginia 44, Boston College 30; No. 16 Auburn 14, Mississippi State 0; No. 17 Arizona 38, Pacific 14; No. 20 North Carolina State 20, No. 25 South Carolina 10 and No. 21 Texas A&M 45, Rice 7.

## Stewart takes Most Valuable Player award

## Athletics sweep Giants to win World Series

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 29. (Reuters) The Oakland Athletics won one of the most lopsided World Series in history by beating the San Francisco Giants 9-6 yesterday to complete a sweep of baseball's earthquake-interrupted championship.

A hurler Mike Moore sparked both on and off the mound, winning his second game of the series for Oakland, who outscored the Giants 32-14 in their four victories.

The final game was the most exciting of the series, as the Giants battled back from an 8-0 deficit with two runs in the sixth inning and four in the seventh to pull within two runs of the Athletics.

But the A's got one run back in the eighth, when Giants reliever Steve Bedrosian issued a walk with the bases loaded to put the lead back to three.

Oakland stopper Dennis Eckersley came on in the ninth and beat the speedy Brett Butler to first to record the final out and end the 15-day-long series, extended

10 days by the massive quake that shook northern California.

Dave Stewart, the winning pitcher in the first and third games of the series, was named Most Valuable Player. He yielded just three runs on 10 hits in 16 innings while striking out 14. Stewart said the championship was a 24-man effort.

"If I could break the award into pieces I would," he said. "The A's glittered again on offense from top to bottom."

"They have great defence, great pitching and great hitting," said Giant manager Roger Craig. "We got beat by the world champions. They outpitched and outplayed us. Top to bottom the A's are great."

One of their greats is Rickey Henderson, baseball's most dangerous lead-off man who put the A's immediately into the lead with a homer to left to start the game.

In the next inning, Oakland pitcher Mike Moore, the last and least-likely batter in the lineup to do damage, struck the decisive

blow in a three-run outburst.

Giants starter Don Robinson intentionally walked Walt Weiss to pitch to Moore after Dave Henderson had hit a lead-off double and reached third with two out.

The strategy was sound as Moore had only one at bat — without a hit — in eight Major League seasons. This time, though, he ripped a line drive over centrefielder Brett Butler's head to clear the bases.

Moore's hit was the first series extra-base hit by an American League pitcher in 15 years. Moore then became a daring baserunner, scoring on Rickey Henderson's sharp single to left ahead of Kevin Mitchell's slow-motion throw to the plate.

A two-run triple by Terry Steinbach in the fifth and a Rickey Henderson lead-off triple in the sixth helped Oakland put four more runs on the scoreboard.

The Giants trailed 8-0 but refused to quit.

Mitchell, baseball's home run king this year with 47, got San Francisco started with a majestic drive over the leftfield fence with one aboard.

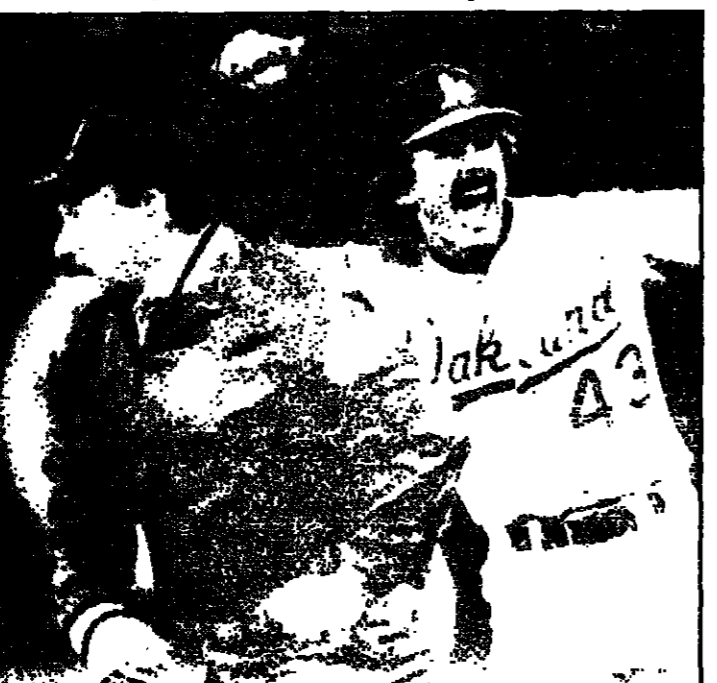
The Giants went right back to work in the seventh.

Utility infielder Greg Litton hit a two-run homer to launch a four-run rally against a trio of A's pitchers.

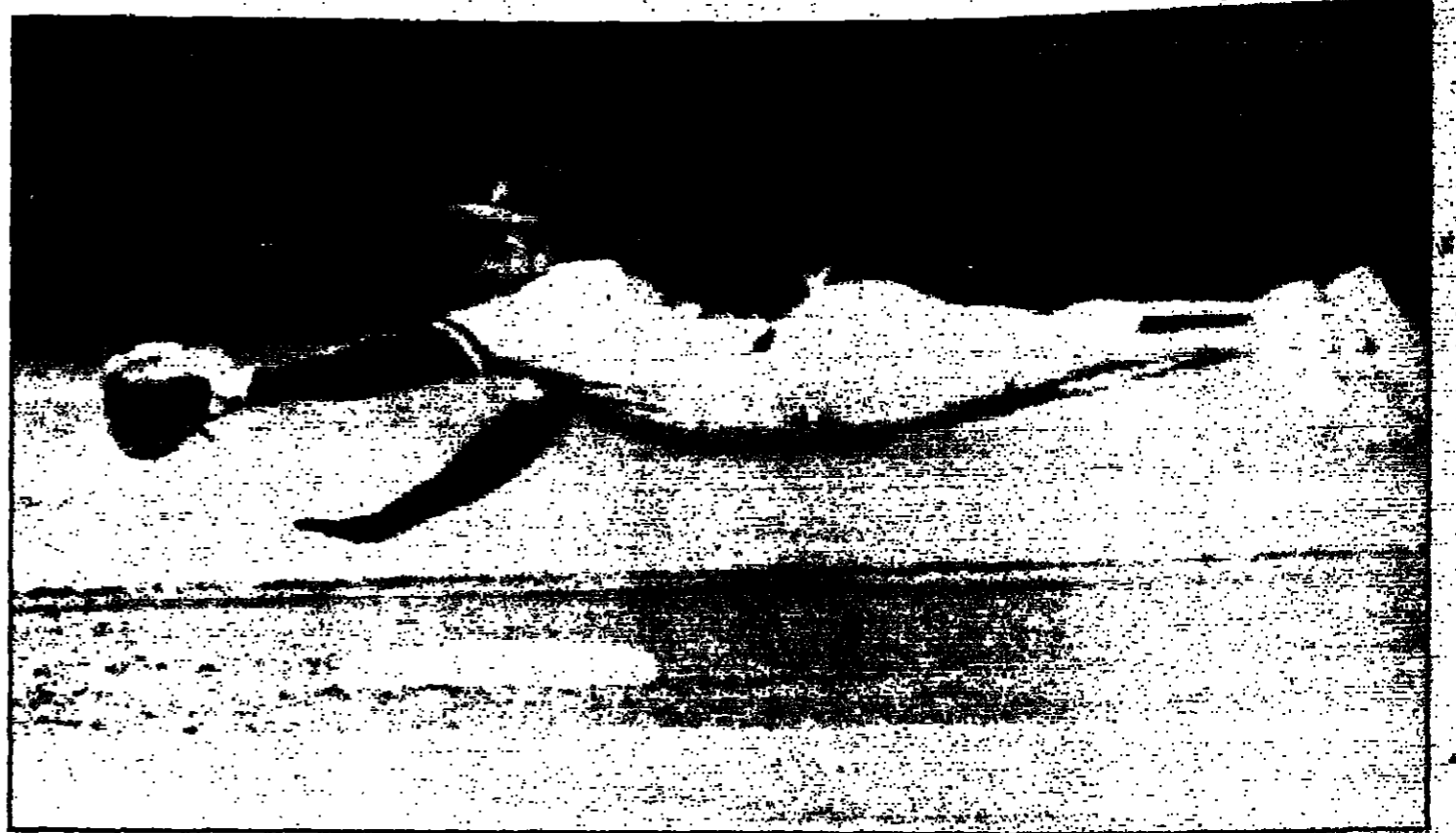
Butler doubled home Candy Maldonado, aboard with a pinch-hit triple. Butler then came home on Robby Thompson's pinch-hit single.

Clark and Mitchell, the Giants' fearsome one-two punch, then took their turns at the plate, representing the potential tying run. But Clark fled out to right and Mitchell's long drive was corralled in the warning track in left to end the inning.

Oakland's sweep was the 14th in the 85-year history of the World Series and matched the widest runs margin of them all — the 37-19 aggregate posted by the 1932 New York Yankees of Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig over the Chicago Cubs.



Oakland's Dennis Eckersley screams with joy as a baseball umpire Al Clark calls Giant's Brett Butler the final 'out' of the series. (Reuters wirephoto).



Tony Phillips makes a diving snag off a Bill Bathe grounder in the fifth innings of the Giants-Athletics game. (Reuters wirephoto).

## US lose as Soviets take lead

LUCERNE, Switzerland, Oct. 29. (Reuters) The United States stumbled to surprising defeat at the hands of host nation Switzerland on the first day of the World Team Chess Championship in Lucerne yesterday.

The three lower boards were drawn, but with the United States deciding to rest their two most highly-rated players for their battle today against the Soviet Union, John Fedorowicz lost on board one to veteran Victor Korchnoi, now heading the Swiss team.

Of the top teams, only the Netherlands fielded their strongest line-up. But this scarcely helped their result against Cuba, with Jan Timman's win over Nogueiras being balanced out by Jeroen Piket's defeat by Vera Reynaldo.

England also had a tough time against a strong Yugoslav team. Three boards produced quick draws, leaving 17-year-old Michael Adams, the world's youngest grandmaster and the tournament's youngest player, under pressure in his adjourned game against Branko Damjanovic. But most experts expect him to salvage another draw.

The reigning Soviet champions took the first round lead after beating a composite African team 3.5-0.5.

Absent from the Soviet selection was ex-world champion Anatoly Karpov, who is expected to arrive in Lucerne today in time to play against the United States.

Results of the first round: Soviet Union 3.5, Africa 0.5; Yugoslavia 1.5, England 1.5 (one game adjourned); Switzerland 2.5, United States 1.5; Netherlands 2, Cuba 2; China 1, Hungary 3.

Standings after the first round: 1. Soviet Union 3.5, 2. Hungary 3, 3. Switzerland 2.5, 4. Netherlands 2, Cuba 2, 5. China 1, 6. Yugoslavia 1.5 (one game adjourned), 7. United States 1.5, 8. China 1, 10. Africa 0.5.

## Kuwaitis walk off with prizes

KUWAITI youths walked off with the Rothmans racing mini-simulator prizes on Friday, October 27, near Sultan Center, Salmiya, with record-breaking scores, not only for Kuwait or the Gulf but worldwide when Jaber Abdullah Ali scored 533,620 points finishing the Rothmans Racing Simulator Race without errors. He managed to navigate his car through the hazardous route without making a single mistake.

The Rothmans Trophy was presented to him along with the first prize, a colour television set, by the lovely Miss Rothmans, Jane Thomas. Fadel Sayyaf finished second with a score of 430,380.



Jane Thomas (2nd left) with Jaber Abdullah Ali (2nd right) and other winners.

## Levi fires 63 for third round lead

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C. Oct. 29. (Reuters) Wayne Levi set a tournament record with a brilliant eight-under-par 63 to gain a one-stroke lead after the third round of the \$2.5 million Hilton Island golf championship yesterday.

Levi started the day at one-over-par and proceeded to drop eight birdies for his 63 and a total of seven-under-par 206.

Donnie Hammond, the first leader, had a 69 for a six-under-par 207.

Tom Kite, who shot at 65 in the wind on Friday to take a four-

stroke lead at the halfway point, double bogeyed the first hole by hitting his drive out of bounds and went on to post a three-over-par 74 for a five-under-par 208.

Greg Norman of Australia, Fred Couples and Mark O'Meara were tied at 209.

Levi birdied the second hole and then birdied five in a row starting at the fifth hole. One of the birdies came on a chip-in from 40 feet at no. eight. He closed his round with birdies on the 15th and 17th holes.

I really didn't think I was doing anything exceptional," he

said. "I was just playing along and all the right things seemed to happen. I've been playing well, but once in a while I would squander away a couple of shots."

Kite commented on his drop from the lead: "Basically, it was not a solid round but I'm still in good position. I'm only two shots out of the lead on this golf course that is not too many."

The winner today was to earn \$450,000. If the winner also happens to finish as the year's top moneywinner, he will collect an additional \$175,000.

## GP title still undecided

MARLBORO'S Alain Prost of France may well have clinched the 1989 World Drivers' Championship at the Japanese Grand Prix on October 22 at Suzuka, but the world will not know for sure until Friday, just before the Australian Grand Prix, final round of the World Championship, which takes place in Adelaide on November 5.

The Japanese Grand Prix was 'won' on the road by Prost's McLaren team-mate Ayrton Senna of Brazil after a controversial crash with Prost seven laps from the finish as the two Marlboro drivers fought to win the race and the 1989 title.

But an all or nothing overtaking manoeuvre by Senna to pass race leader Prost caused both cars to leave the track. Senna was pushed started and continued the race, made a pit stop to replace nose cone and went on to pass Alessandro Nannini's leading Benetton to take the flag.

But the Brazilian was later disqualified by the organisers for failing to rejoin the circuit after the incident in the correct place thus Prost, who did not continue racing, was proclaimed World Champion for the third time (Senna having to win in Japan and Australia to retain his title.)



Alain Prost

But the result of a McLaren team appeal against the disqualification could see Senna reinstated and team boss Ron Dennis has requested that the appeal be heard by the International Federation this week in Paris.

If McLaren lose the appeal then Prost is champion, if they win then Prost and Senna are likely to stage another exciting



Ayrton Senna

head to head race in Australia where Senna has to win to take the title.

Thus the outcome of the 1989 World Championship has taken an unexpected and dramatic turn, but win or lose in Paris, the closing race of the season in Adelaide, which will be Prost's last race with McLaren before he joins Ferrari next year, promises to be memorable.

## Nomads continue early season success

THIS weekend saw Kuwait (KMMC) Nomads start on their campaign to win the Gulf Merit Table. The Nomads travelled to Qatar where they convincingly defeated Qatar R.F.C. 33 points to four.

The Nomads have in the past been accused of playing a too forward dominated game, but this myth was exploded with all six tries being scored by the backs, 5 by the wingers.

However, these scores were based on excellent forward possession. The scrums were rock solid, and much of the loose ball was secured by the scavenging play of Sole and Bissell.

In the backs, 3 tries for 'Crosant' Pouquet gave him an early lead over Nick Harvey who scored twice (Harvey's vocal encouragement to his pack should ensure Pouquet's lead.)

Steve Hutchinson Sr secured the other try, with Adams kicking 3 conversions and a penalty as well as hitting the uprights twice.

The pace of the second half could not match the first. A soft pitch and temperatures over 100 degrees F tested fitness levels to extreme. Qatar flanker Andy Keegan scored a well deserved



The Nomads with their Middle East trophy.

consolation try to put his team on the board. The after match awards saw lock Phil Quinn receive the 'Man of the Match' award for his tireless efforts in the scrum and mauls. Much of his work is done below a mass of heaving grunting bodies but without it the likes of Harvey and Pouquet would see little action.

Thus Kuwait (KMMC) Nomads continue their successful start to the season. Last

weekend they managed the unique feat of securing the Middle East XV-a-side trophy for the third successive year. They defeated Dubai 3-0 in the final after having already disposed of Bahrain II, Jeddah, Sharjah, Doha and Muscat. It was a very impressive performance and highlighted the large amount of preparation the whole squad had put in under the direction of Steve Hill and Graham Adams. Adams proved to be the hero of

the hour, scoring the winning penalty in the final two games.

The strength in depth of the Kuwait squad was shown when the 2nd XV managed to reach the final of the Plate competition. Playing against 4 first teams and defeating Al Ain and Jeddah the team showed they will be a very strong force this season. They lost 9-0 in the final to Al Khobar, where Bissell had an excellent game and the team continued to be well lead by the

astute play of skipper Noel Kelly. Both teams looked resplendent in their new track suits donated by the Holiday Inn, Kuwait.

Next weekend sees the Nomads with the chance to test their skill against the might of the Royal Navy, matches on Thursday and Friday should be excellent preparation for the next Merit table game against Abu Dhabi.

## Baggs remain undefeated

AFTER this week's round of Mouchel Kuwait Monday Darts League matches, Baggs remain as the only undefeated men's team. The defending champions (facing last season's wooden spoons, under their new guise as Stars of the East, duly won 5-1 to keep a 100 per cent record.

Nightlights also lost only one leg on the way to two more points as Soty Ladies failed to rise to the occasion. Something of a revival here as Nightlights didn't collect a single point from any of last season's 18 fixtures.

Elsewhere, many eyebrow raising scoreslines emerged. Monroe's crashed into the pits as the unpredictable Exiles hit form and stormed into a match winning 4-1 lead. Nick Hassell was a little peeved to hit 5 high scores and yet lose 1-2 to Rolly Fernandez, but Norrie Attack lamed Peter Agnew and skipper Tony Robinson carved up Peter Zobrist, despite the latter's 3 high scores, as the screen legends' challenge petered out.

Tyne Ties PP succumbed to superior barracking during the Mickey Mouse games as T.C.F. recorded their first win, but not before Tynesider Barry Crouchman logged his 140 score for a trophy. The George best seller 'How to Make Friends and Influence People' will now be required team reading for the Tyne Ties side in preparation for the return fixture. Obviously no effect was felt by Tyne Tiesers as they whipped through T.C.F. Ladies faster than a pan of mushy peas.

Brahms & Lizz's first point at the expense of Cottar House was an excellent result for them as the House boys seemed to be just getting into top gear, and, as Brahms & Lizz were never headed throughout the match, it was left to Cottar House to compose themselves to win the final game to save a point. Featherlights had only fingers and let the first leg slip, but C.H. Ladies got no more joy as the home team were rampant in a 3-1 result. After a splendid season's opener Campanologists have been a little muted of late and this week threw away a 3-0 lead as poor Mickey Mouse form allowed a determined Ragamuffins to fight back and salvage a draw.

The full Mouchel Monday League results were as follows with Ladies scores in brackets: Brahms & Lizz (3) 3; Cottar House (1) 3; Baggs (3) 5; Stars of the East (1) 1; T.C.F. (0) 4; Tyne Ties PP (4) 2; Campanologists 3; Ragamuffins 3; Monroes 2; Exiles 4.

## Standings

## Mens League

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1 Baggs	3	3	0	0	17	7	6
2 Monroes	4	2	0	1	17	7	4
3 Tyne Ties PP	4	2	1	1	15	7	4
4 Exiles	4	2	1	1	11	9	4
5 Cottar House	4	2	1	1	13	11	5
6 Ragamuffins	4	1	2	1	15	15	5
7 Campanologists	4	1	1	2	9	15	4
8 T.C.F.	4	1	1	2	9	15	4
9 Brahms & Lizz	3	0	1	2	6	15	1
10 Stars of the East	4	0	0	4	3	21	0

# India and Pakistan have chance to make amends

NEW DELHI, Oct. 29, (Reuters): Two years ago the sub-continent was denied a cricket cup final every Indian and Pakistani wanted and most expected. England and Australia surprised their joint World Cup hosts in the semifinals and went on to contest the final.

Tomorrow India and Pakistan have another chance to set up that clash. This time Australia will not be around to upset them as their respective opponents will be West Indies and, once again, England.

The occasion, the Nehru Cup, does not carry quite the prestige of the World Cup, but of the participants two years ago only New Zealand and Zimbabwe are missing. Neither qualified for the semifinal stage then, nor did pre-tournament favourites West Indies.

The major surprise this time is that World Cup winners Australia are missing from the final four. Fresh from a highly convincing 4-0 Test thrashing of England and wearing the world crown, much had been expected of

them. But their pace bowling, so effective in England, was blunted on the sun-baked Indian wickets and their two wins, over Sri Lanka and West Indies, were not enough.

Each of the semifinalists registered three wins in five matches in the round-robin qualifying section, illustrating the closeness of the tournament.

Their pairings were decided on run rate, with India finishing top with an average 4,637 runs an over and somewhat surprisingly, given their cavalier

reputation, West Indies with the lowest of all six teams on 4,127.

India play West Indies tomorrow in Bombay while Pakistan face England in the central city of Nagpur.

West Indies had to struggle to make the last four after a disastrous start. They lost to Sri Lanka for the first time in a one-day international and were then beaten by 99 runs by Australia.

But such is the unpredictable nature of the one-day game that West Indies won through by going on to beat each of the other three semifinal qualifiers.

Sri Lanka, by far the youngest of the Test playing nations, were unfortunately not to have more than just their solitary, though welcome, win over West Indies. Their inexperience showed as they succumbed to Australia when another surprise looked possible and they also challenged India and Pakistan closely.

In such a crowded programme, injuries have affected each of the teams but none more so than Pakistan, winners of the Sharjah Cup one-day tournament which finished only nine days

ago. The main concerns have been over their two most experienced players, captain Imran Khan and vice-captain Javed Miandad. The latter was forced to miss one match because of a bad back and while Imran has played in all five he has been far from fit.

He returned from Sharjah with back trouble and yesterday a leg strain prevented him bowling in Pakistan's vital qualifying match against India. Not that it mattered, as it turned out, with India's middle order collapsing

miserably and giving Pakistan the win they needed for a semifinal place.

Another injury, to wicketkeeper Salim Yousuf, has proved rather fortunate with replacement Amir Malik showing such fine form with the bat he was promoted to open yesterday and responded with a fine 51.

The winners tomorrow will meet in Wednesday's final in the cauldron of Calcutta's Eden Gardens stadium. Should they be India and Pakistan, a capacity 90,000 crowd is expected.

## Sochaux narrow gap at top

PARIS, Oct. 29, (Reuters): Sochaux trounced lowly Caen 5-0 yesterday to climb to a close second place behind First Division soccer leaders Bordeaux, who limped home with a goalless draw against Lyon.

Sochaux, warming up for a UEFA return match against Italy's Fiorentina on Wednesday, narrowed the gap to two points and pushed Marseille back to third place.

League champions Marseille beat Paris Saint-Germain 2-1 on Friday.

In their first win in three games, goals were scored by England's Chris Waddle and Uruguay's Enzo Francescoli.

Bordeaux, well entrenched in the lead with 24 points, failed to shine against a defensive Lyon team apparently playing for time.

Sochaux were held at bay by Caen for the first 15 minutes of play but kept their opponents running once Thierry Lauret scored a 23rd minute goal.

Laurent Croci scored two successive goals in the 28th and 30th minutes followed by Eric Lada only seven minutes later. The last goal came from Cherif Oudiani in the 78th minute.

Montpellier held their 13th position in the First Division with a 3-3 draw against seventh-ranked Saint-Etienne despite the absence of Eric Cantona.

The international striker was suspended by his own club for fighting with a team-mate and is awaiting a final decision on his fate on Thursday.

He was excluded from both the French squad and his former team Marseille last season for bursts of bad temper.

In other matches, the clubs involved in European matches all won. Auxerre beat Mulhouse 3-1 and Monaco scored a 1-0 victory over Toulouse on Thursday.

## Real pick up confidence for Milan match

MADRID, Oct. 29, (Reuters): Spanish soccer champions Real Madrid, facing AC Milan in their European Cup second round tie next Wednesday, picked up some much-needed confidence with a 5-2 win against Sevilla at Bernabeu stadium yesterday.

Striker Emilio Butragueno, back after a three-week absence with an ankle injury, scored a 59th minute goal.

Real, who lost 2-0 in the first leg of their tie at Milan 10 days ago, subjected the visitors to some fine attacking soccer to consolidate their position at the top of the League.

Real had slumped into something like a crisis following the Milan match, with players angered after their new British coach John Toshack accused some of them of not sweating enough during last week's 2-1 win away to local rivals Rayo Vallecano.

Burton, lying in sixth place after an indifferent start to the season, were resolute set to move up after inflicting a 3-0 defeat on Tenerife with goals from Eusebio Sebastian, Jose Bakero and Aitor Reguilistin.

## Mecir overcomes Gilbert Lendl crushes Chang

ANTWERP, Belgium, Oct. 29, (AP): Top-seeded Ivan Lendl swept past Michael Chang 6-2, 6-3 and Miloslav Mecir beat Brad Gilbert 6-4, 7-5 yesterday to set up an all-Czech final at the \$1,050,000 European Community Championship.



Lendl returns a backhand to Chang. (Reuters wirephoto)

Lendl let his famed forehand loose to chase Chang all over court and kept the pressure on throughout to avenge his defeat at the French Open this spring in his first rematch with the 17-year-old.

Mecir, relying on his trusty backcourt game, kept his composure while Gilbert, seeded third, lost his cool each time he was leading in a sloppy match. It will be Mecir's third final in four years here.

Lendl has already won the event four times while Mecir is still looking for his first success.

"My record against Lendl is quite bad," said Mecir, the Olympic champion, afterward. "I won maybe once against him."

Today's winner gets \$220,000, the loser \$150,000 to make the exhibition event one of the richest in the world.

Chang and Gilbert each earned \$100,000 yesterday.

Lendl, the world's top-ranked player, long played nearly flawless tennis as he anticipated Chang's shots to set up several scorching forehand winners. Chang, ranked 6th in the world, was reduced to stalking Lendl's shots and never got any momentum of his own going.

On the clay courts of Paris Chang was able to run at anything. On the faster supreme court here, he could only watch and admire Lendl's strength.

"I just wanted to hit the ball hard and under these conditions it is possible," said Lendl afterward.

ward. In the battle between the Australian and French Open champions, Lendl often sent Chang to all corners of the court with deep shots. Once the American was out of position, Lendl finished off with one of his trademark booming forehands.

Chang was on the defensive from the start and never gained any initiative as Lendl made him run and run.

After an easy 6-2 win in the first set, Lendl immediately broke Chang's serve twice as the 10,000-strong crowd at the Sports Palace saw Lendl at his best.

Lendl lost some of his concentration after that and started erring more. But his service remained dominant.

Mecir, recovering from a back injury, also had a great start to his match and raced to a 4-1 lead while Gilbert was cursing himself for making so many unforced errors.

But steadily Gilbert, ranked 5th in the world, found his form, and pulled even at 4-4.

He had trouble with his shaky nerves, however, as he double-faulted to give the first set to Mecir.

## Bridge results

RESULTS of the Hubara Centre Bridge Club game played on Saturday.

N/S

1. Saad Suleiman & John
2. Nabil Akel & Chaudhry
3. Bianca Moussali & Ahmed Tawil

E/W

1. Lollo Murthwaite & Dona Materny
2. Diab & Ibrahim
3. Mrs Pereira & Mr D'Souza

Results of the SAS Bridge Club game played yesterday:

- 1st Nadia Aarabi & Rabab Abboushi
- 2nd Dona Materny & Bianca Moussali
- 3rd Nabil Akel & Lollo Murthwaite

## Bayern win

BONN, Oct. 29, (UPI): Champion Bayern Munich regained top position of West German First Division after a 2-0 victory at St Pauli Hamburg as table leader Bayer Leverkusen had to make do with a 3-3 draw against newcomer Fortuna Dusseldorf. FC Cologne, last year's runner-up secured a 3-2 win in Mannheim to keep up the pressure on Munich and Leverkusen.

## Italian soccer

ROME, Oct. 29, (Reuters): Results of Italian First Division soccer matches on Sunday:

AS Roma	1	AC Milan	0
Inter	2	Cesena	0
Bologna	0	Atalanta	0
Cremone	1	Florentina	2
Genoa	1	Napoli	1
Latina	3	Lazio	0
Juventus	1	Sampdoria	0
Roma	2	Lecco	1
Udinese	2	Verona	1

## Welsh squad

CARDIFF, Oct. 29, (Reuters): Wales today included Neath's Gareth Llewellyn and Phil Pugh when they named the team to face New Zealand in the Rugby Union Test at Cardiff Arms Park next Saturday.

## 130 injured

DHAKA, Oct. 29, (Kuna): At least 130 people were injured including 28 policemen in a soccer agitation last night in Bangladesh's southern seaport city of Chittagong.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Judo title

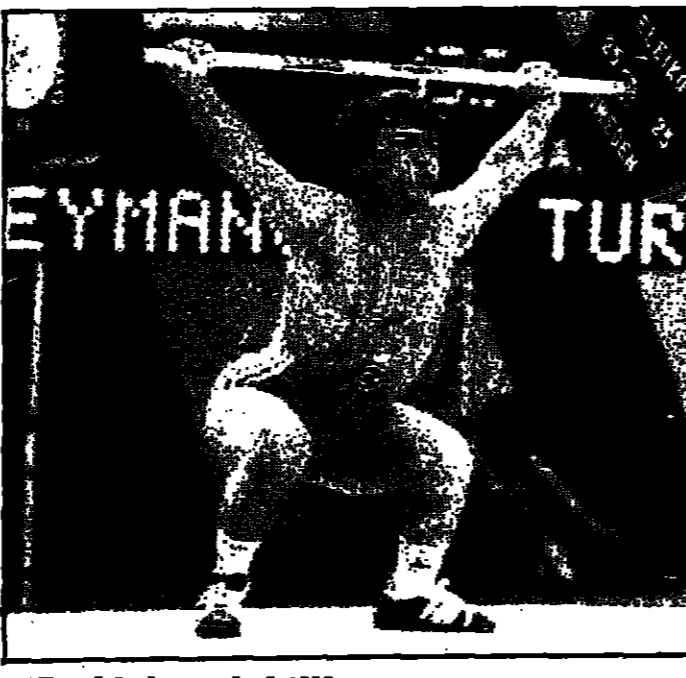
VIENNA, Oct. 29, (Reuters): France regained the European women's team judo title yesterday by trouncing a weakened British side 4-1 on the first day of the two-day championships.

### Volvo Masters

SOTOGRADE, Spain, Oct. 29, (Reuters): Briton Ronan Rafferty avoided the misadventures of his main rivals at the Volvo Masters golf championship yesterday and is now on the threshold of becoming Europe's top golfer for 1989.

### Rothmans Cup

THE 1989-90 season of the Kuwait Indian Football Federation will commence on Friday, November 17, 1989, with the Rothmans Gold Cup Football Tournament, being organized by Salote United Sports Centre. The draw will be held on November 10, 1989, at 8.30 am at the Caravan Restaurant (next to Hardee's, Fahd Al Salem St). Last date for submitting entries is November 9, 1989. For further information call Martin: 4810492 Ext 267 or Pinheiro: 4819168.



Turkish weightlifter

Turkish competitor Naim Seleymanoglu in action during the World Weightlifting Cup in Lisbon on Saturday where he took 3rd place with 103.66 points. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Rafferty edges Faldo for crown

SOTOGRADE, Spain, Oct. 29, (Reuters): Briton Ronan Rafferty captured the Volvo Masters golf crown today to finish top of the European money winners' list by out-duelling defending champion Nick Faldo.

Rafferty scrambled a par four at the final hole with a last putt of six feet to take the title after Faldo, the US Masters champion, bogeyed the hole when he bunkered his approach shot.

The Northern Ireland player, who has won three titles this year, compiled a closing round of 71, one under par. He fired a four-under 32 on the back nine of the 7,020-yard Valderrama course.

He and Faldo broke out of a four-way tie halfway through the final round and a playoff seemed likely until Faldo bunkered his second shot at the last.

He was some distance away and could only get his pitch shot to a position 30 feet from the pin. Then he missed the putt to lose his title.

Rafferty totalled 282, six under par, with Faldo on 283. Jose-Maria Olazabal of Spain, the only player with a chance of heading Rafferty in the money list, faded on the back nine and shot a 74 for 287 and third place.



Steffi Graf argues a line call during her semifinal match against Navotna. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Graf and Seles advance to final

BRIGHTON, England, Oct. 29, (AP): Top seed Steffi Graf struggled to a three-set victory over Jana Novotna in a \$256,000 women's tennis tournament yesterday and advanced to the final against third-seeded Monica Seles, an easy winner over Manuela Maleeva.

Graf, the top women's player in the world, conceded her first set in 10 minutes and needed nearly two hours to overcome the fourth-seeded Czechoslovak 4-6, 6-3, 6-3.

Novotna seemed to surprise Graf with her powerful serve and sharp volleys in winning the opening set, breaking the West German's serve in the fifth game. It was Graf's first loss of a set since the final of the US Open.

"In the first set she served awfully well. I had one bad game and the set was gone, there was nothing I could do," Graf said. "In the second and third sets she was not as strong and I had more chances."

Novotna won the first two games of the final set, but Graf then captured six of the last seven games.

"I thought today was the day she was beatable," Novotna said. "I didn't think she was hitting as hard as normal. Perhaps it was my imagination."

Seles, 15, overpowered the second-seeded Maleeva 6-3, 6-2.

Maleeva, a finalist against Graf in Brighton last year, swept to a 3-1 first-set lead against the Yugoslav, but Seles gradually took control with her powerful groundstrokes. Seles won seven consecutive games against the Bulgarian to take a 6-3, 2-0 lead.

Seles said Graf's semifinal struggle did not necessarily make her own task any easier in this evening's final.



Sitting (left to right): Yunus Chaudhry, Salim Pervaz, Ashraf Khan, Pakistani Ambassador Zahid Saeed, Sri Lankan Ambassador Latif Sharif-uddin, Tony Paice, G.P. Nicholson and Nazir Ahmad. Standing (left to right): Sheikh Arshad Mehmood, Asad Baig, Alan Wade, Mansoor Khan, Dr Riaz, Shahid Maqbool and Waqar Zaidi.

## Asad stays Evergreen captain

EVERGREEN cricketers re-elected Asad Baig, who became the longest serving skipper to lead the team, during the present session of 1989-90 as announced by Yunus Chaudhry, president of the club, during their annual gathering held recently at the Meridian Hotel.

The Ambassador of Sri Lanka, Latif Sharif-uddin; Ambassador of Pakistan Zahid Saeed and First Secretary at the British embassy, Tony Paice were the chief guests of the evening. Officers of the Pakistan embassy including Said Akbar (First Secretary), Sheikh Bashir Ahmed (commercial Attache), Afzal Rana (labour attache) and Iqbal Hussain (press attache) were among the notable dignitaries which also included Ashraf Khan, vice-chairman of Kifco, Dr Riaz Ahmed Maheser, president and Rafique A. Mirza, general secretary of Pakistan Peoples Club.

Patrons: G.P. Nicholson, Nassar Ullah Mirza, Nazir Ahmed, Aslam Pervaz, Ayaz Khan. President: Yunus Chaudhry. Sr Vice-President: Salim Pervaz. Hon. secretary: Riaz Chaudhry. Manager: Sh. Arshad Mahmood. Captain: Asad Baig.

The meeting was also addressed by Alan Wade, president of Hubara Cricketers, Sajid Raza, hon. secretary of GCL and Ashraf Khan, chairman of KCL. Prizes were awarded by the three chief guests to players who participated in the Tennis Ball and the Summer League tournaments. The ambassadors of Pakistan and Sri Lanka and first secretary of British embassy also addressed the large gathering and promised their support and patronage for cricket.

The meeting was made exciting by the introduction of a raffle tickets draw for ten prizes which included a return ticket to Cyprus. The prize distribution for the raffle tickets draw will take place at a later date.

After the dinner, two lucky names were drawn from amongst all those who were present in the meeting. The lucky winners were Denzil Meneses of Unity and Perusinghe of Lanka Lions Cricket Club.

At the end of the meeting, Evergreen mementos were presented to the ambassador of Pakistan, ambassador of Sri Lanka and first secretary of the British embassy by Salim Pervaz, G.P. Nicholson and Yunus Chaudhry respectively. Ashraf Khan, vice-chairman of Kifco was presented with a special prize by Shahid Maqbool for his devotion and patronage of cricket in Kuwait.

## Southall and Shilton praised by opponents



Everton's Wilson (right) and Manchester City's Bishop (left) jump high to head the ball. (Reuters wirephoto)

LONDON, Oct. 29, (Reuters): Neville Southall and Peter Shilton, the goalkeepers of Wales and England respectively, were acclaimed by opponents for superb performances at club level in yesterday's English First Division soccer programme.

Norwich manager Dave Stringer hailed Everton goalkeeper Southall as the best in the country after the Welsh international's performance had ensured his team stayed top with a 1-1 away draw.

"It wasn't for the brilliance of Neville Southall I think we would have won easily. He made some tremendous stops and kept them in the game," said Stringer. "He is absolutely brilliant, the best in England at the moment."

Everton manager Colin Harvey also praised his goalkeeper. "He did very well. It is possibly the most he has had to do this season, which says a little bit for Norwich and a little bit about the way we played."

Harvey was also pleased for striker Tony Cottee, who scored his first goal of the season to equalise for Everton.

Arsenal manager George Graham praised both Derby County goalkeeper Shilton and central defender Mark Wright for their performances in a 1-1 draw at Highbury.

"They had two players who were out-

standing. They were international class, both of them, and they held it together for Derby," he said.

"We got an early goal but we needed a second. If we'd got that we would have won it comfortably. We created a lot of chances, but Shilton made some great saves."

Gale force winds that made goalkeeping that much harder helped Alan Smith curl a shot past Shilton to open the scoring for Arsenal after only three minutes.

But the defending champions, with veteran Irish centre back David O'Leary playing a record-equalling 62nd match for Arsenal, dropped only their second home point of the season and conceded their first goal at Highbury to county's Paul Goddard in the 63rd minute.

None of the teams in the upper echelons of the table managed a victory as six of the afternoon's nine matches ended in draws, five of them 1-1.

Among the winning sides, Manchester United's 2-1 home success ended Southampton's 10-game unbeaten run.

United manager Alex Ferguson saluted the return to form of Scottish striker Brian McClair, who scored both goals, his first in eight games.

"For the first time this season McClair looked a real goalscorer again," Ferguson

said. Southampton manager Chris Nicholl, whose side thrashed Liverpool 4-1 a week ago, said: "We didn't look as sharp in front of goal as we have done. And when you miss good chances at somewhere like Old Trafford then you know it's going to be hard."

Chelsea manager Bobby Campbell was fuming after last-minute goal by Manchester City's Clive Allen robbed his side of a home win.

Campbell and the Chelsea players protested furiously to referee Kenneth Redfern after the goal, feeling that striker Kerry Dixon had been fouled.

City, who were promoted with 1989 Second Division champions Chelsea, picked up their first away point of the season after Dixon had put the home side in the lead with a 54th minute header.

In Scotland, Aberdeen beat Motherwell 1-0 at home with a Jim Bett penalty to move level on 14 points with Premier League leaders Celtic.

Celtic stayed top on goal difference despite falling 2-0 at Dunfermline.

Rangers continued to recover from poor early-season form as Ally McCoist took his tally to 12 goals, seven in the League, by scoring twice in their 3-0 home triumph over Hibernian.

## SPORTS

# Peace and Friendship Games open today

## Over 1,200 athletes taking part in championships

OVER 1,200 sportsmen from 45 Islamic countries will start vying for honours in Kuwait from this evening after HH the Amir opens the Peace and Friendship Games.

This sports carnival, limited to members of the Organisation of Islamic Conference, will be declared open at 3.30 pm. The opening ceremonies will also be attended by HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah, all ministers, senior officials and a number of other dignitaries invited to attend the Games. These include the president of the International Olympic Committee Juan Antonio Samaranch.

All the necessary preparations have been completed by the Games' organising committee, signalling the start of the Muslim youth gathering, the first of its kind. All the preparations needed by the Games, were completed in less than two months.

The inaugural ceremony will begin with the national anthem of Kuwait on the arrival of HH the Amir. It will be followed by all the participating teams parading in front of the distinguished audience. While the teams assemble in the Kazma stadium, verses from the Holy Quran will be



Sheikh Fahd (right) before the opening of the Junior Artists exhibition.

recited. The chairman of the Organising Committee and Minister of Social Affairs and Labour, Sheikh Nasser Mohammed Al Ahmed will deliver the speech, to be followed by the speech of the IOC president, Samaranch. After that, the deputy organising committee and chairman of the Kuwait Olympic Committee, Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmed will invite HH the Amir to declare the Games open.

As teams start leaving the stadium, students of the Ministry of Education, who have been training for the past two months, will

stage a sports display. This will be followed by a musical display titled "The Song of Peace" by top Kuwaiti singer, Abdul Karim Al Qader. The words were written by Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmed and Abdul Wahab Al Banna.

A break will follow for the Maghreb prayers. The ceremony will resume with a fireworks display. The last item of the inauguration will be the football match between Kuwait and Lebanon.

It was announced today that only persons with invitations will be allowed to enter Kazma

stadium tomorrow during the inaugural ceremony. The organising committee distributed invitations to many personalities and fathers of students taking part in the displays. The stadium will be open for invitees from 1.30 pm and will be closed at 2.45 pm. The organising committee appealed to all invitees to arrive in time.

Meanwhile, the security committee of the Games has worked out a plan to control roads leading to Kazma stadium. The following three roads will be open for traffic and will lead to Kazma stadium: Third Ring Road, then to Damascus Street and Kazma stadium, Fourth Ring Road, then to Damascus Street and to Kazma stadium and the third road from inside Udhaybiya area to Kazma stadium.

The security committee said that invitees holding red, blue, orange or white invitation cards can park their cars in the parking exactly opposite the main platform of the stadium. Holders of grey invitation cards can park their cars at Udhaybiya School parking, parking close to Jamal Abdul Nasser garden or in front of nearby houses.

The security committee has appealed to all drivers not to park their cars on the pavements or mid-

dle of the road. The committee said that Damascus Street will be closed for traffic at 3.00 pm for the motorcade of HH the Amir and will be closed again for his departure and for the third time when fireworks will be displayed.

Invitees with red and orange cards will enter the stadium from the main gate opposite the main platform. Invitees with blue and white cards will enter from the gates on the right and left side of the main gate and holders of grey cards will enter from the side gates and will sit on the right and left sides of the stadium. Cards will contain maps showing the exact seats of the invitees.

In another related development, Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmed yesterday opened the Junior Artists exhibition, being held on the occasion of the Peace and Friendship Games. The exhibition is open at Al Arabi club. The inauguration was attended by many sports guests and heads of delegations of the participating teams. 120 paintings selected from 350 paintings by children, are exhibited.

The deputy chairman of the Kuwait Olympic Committee Sheikh Jaber Saud Al Sabah said that the inauguration of the KOC premises due to take place on Tuesday, Oct 31, has now been postponed from 10.00 am to 11.00 am.

Meanwhile, a woman athlete who accompanied Chad athletic team taking part in the Peace and Friendship Games, has decided to return home after she learnt that the Games were restricted to males. Ashta Bashir will leave today for Chad.

Iranian soccer team coach, Ali Barvin expressed happiness over the participation of the Iranian football team in the Peace and Friendship Games. He said that they were keen to attend this Islamic gathering and it was important for them to perform well. He said that he was appointed coach for the national team a month ago. He said that he was



The organising committee's headquarters with HH the Amir's picture erected in front of it.

very confident that Kuwait will succeed in organising this huge event.

The head of the Iraqi delegation expressed happiness over his squad's participation in the Games. Iraq is participating in the soccer competition. They are in the same group with Iran. He praised Kuwait for organising this event.

Students of Salah Shehab secondary school made a full size picture of HH the Amir. The picture was put on the main gate of the Kuwait Olympic Committee and headquarters of the Organising Committee.

Members of the Lebanese delegations will carry olive branches during the opening ceremonies as a sign of peace and in appreciation of Kuwait's stand on Lebanon.

It was also announced that eight teams will compete in the basket-

ball contest.

The eight teams were split into two groups, the one comprising Bahrain, Somalia, Syria and Kuwait, while the other brings together the United Arab Emirates, Cameroon, Indonesia and Jordan.

Sources of the Organising Committee noted that the eight teams were fairly divided into two equally strong groups, with Syria and Jordan the favourites from each side.

Kuwait, which has the home court advantage, is to have its toughest test against Syria, while Somalia and Bahrain appear to stand a slim chance to make it to the semi-finals short of a surprise, according to Kuwaiti basketball observers.

In Group B, Jordan is expected to cruise smoothly to semi-finals along with the Cameroon, with the UAE and Indonesia as underdogs.



IOC member Ahmad Al Demerdash, who is in Kuwait for the Games



Ashta Bashir



### Bangladeshi delegation

A 13-member Bangladesh team is taking part in the Peace and Friendship Games. Ten of them are athletes and the rest officials. Col Obaidullah Khan, the leader of the team, yesterday thanked Kuwait for holding the Games, which he said will foster friendship and strengthen ties among the Islamic countries. The team is seen with the Bangladeshi Ambassador K.M. Shehabuddin and other embassy officials.

## Kuwait turns dream into reality

By Yawar Maqsood Khalil  
Sports Editor

THE Peace and Friendship Games, a mere idea early last year, will become a reality this evening when HH the Amir, Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed Al Sabah declares the event open at the Kazma stadium.

To people not connected with the organisation of the Games, it might seem that it was smooth sailing all the way from the time the idea was conceived by HH the Amir until the opening ceremony. The reality is quite the opposite.

When the idea of the event was floated among various international organisations, most of them thought that it was just a dream and would remain just that and never take place.

However, all these organisations were stunned when Kuwait announced that it was serious in staging the event and started sending out invitations to all the members of the Organisation of Islamic Conference. Nearly all of these countries immediately

voiced their desire to take part in the event.

Seeing that Kuwait's efforts to bring the youths of the Islamic world together were succeeding, some international organisations started creating hurdles and tried to stop the event from taking place.

Kuwait tackled all these obstacles one by one and is now ready to host the event, all at its own expense. Not only is Kuwait making all the arrangements, it is also bearing all the expenses to bring the teams to these Games.

Kuwait today has succeeded in proving that it can organise sports events of this magnitude and with success.

When the Games open this evening, history will have been made. This will be the first sports event ever in which all the Islamic countries are taking part. Kuwait must get all the credit for accomplishing such a difficult goal.

The men behind this success are Kuwait's Minister of Social Affairs and Labour Sheikh Nasser Mohammed Al Ahmed, the

chairman of the organising committee, and Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmed Al Sabah.

From the time the organising committee was formed, not a day has passed when Sheikh Fahd has not been involved in some aspect or the other of the organisation of the Games.

Sheikh Fahd's job was not easy. He had to convince the International Olympic Committee and also the International Football Federation that the gathering was only a sports meeting and completely apolitical.

The IOC finally agreed to the holding of the Games in the first week of September and within two months Sheikh Fahd has managed to put together an event, which ordinarily might have taken a much longer time to even plan.

Now that Sheikh Fahd has helped Kuwait achieve its aim, everyone will be trying to make sure the event is a success. As Sheikh Fahd said: "The main objective of this sports event is the gathering itself and not in the winning or losing."



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